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DON NAMES FORMER FED GOVERNOR WARSH AS NEXT FED CHAIRMAN

Kevin Warsh would replace current chair Jerome Powell when his term expires in May. Powell was on Trump's line of fire for not cutting interest rates

NEW APPOINTMENT NEEDS SENATE NOD

The new appointment, which requires Senate confirmation, amounts to a return trip for Warsh, 55, who was a member of the Fed's board from 2006 to 2011. He was the youngest governor in history when he was appointed at age 35. Warsh is currently a fellow at the right-leaning Hoover Institution and a lecturer at the Stanford Graduate School of Business

WHY WARSH IS AN UNLIKELY CHOICE

- In some ways, Warsh is an unlikely choice as he is someone who typically supports higher interest rates to control inflation
- Trump has said the Fed's key rate should be as low as 1 per cent, far below its current level of about 3.6 per cent, a stance few economists endorse. Warsh has recently said he supports lower rates | P14

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Confident Group chief CJ Roy shoots self dead after grilling by I-T dept

RAKSHITH GOWDA @ Bengaluru

CHIRIANKANDATH Joseph Roy, popularly known as CJ Roy, chairman of Confident Group — a prominent real estate company, shot himself dead following marathon grilling by sleuths of the Income Tax department on Friday.

The real estate tycoon, who was also the Honorary Consul of the Slovak Republic (Karnataka and Kerala), took the extreme step at the consulate office located on the first floor of the Confident Pentagon building on Langford Road. The taxmen were still conducting the investigation at the Confident Group office located in the same building. His family members alleged that "pressure" from the IT department drove Roy (57) to end his life.

The police said the incident occurred at the building, where IT officials from Kerala were questioning him for the past three days. Around six to seven IT officials had come to Roy's office in two SUVs. On Friday, he was questioned for several hours. When they gave a break, Roy went to the consulate office on the first floor. After a few minutes, a gunshot was heard and the staff rushed in. They found him lying in a pool of blood, as he had shot himself in the chest with a pistol.

Bengaluru City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh, who visited the spot, told reporters, "The incident happened around 3.15 pm. Roy was immediately shifted to a hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival. A team of IT department officials from Kerala had been questioning him for the last three days. Even on Friday, Roy was subjected to questioning before he shot himself. We are in touch with his family members, who are not in India. The IT officials who were questioning him will also be questioned as part of the probe. As of now, there is no information regarding the IT case registered against him and also the reason for the suicide."

Roy's elder brother CJ Babu, speaking to the media, alleged that Roy took the extreme step because of pressure from Income Tax (IT) officials. He alleged that an additional commissioner of Income Tax and his team were pressuring his brother.

"My brother had been tense for a while due to the IT raids conducted over the past three days. On December 3 also, IT officials raided his office. He had no enmity, threat or debt," Babu said, adding that he was also questioned by IT officials on January 27 and he had spoken to Roy around 11 am today (Friday).

Roy's wife, son, and daughter, who live in Dubai, are expected to reach Bengaluru around 3 am on Saturday. P5

Policemen outside the Confident Group office in Bengaluru where CJ Roy (right) shot himself on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

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Seemanth Kumar Singh, Bengaluru City Police Commissioner

Menstrual health a fundamental right

SC asks all schools to provide sanitary pads for free

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

HOLDING that the right to menstrual health is part of the right to life and education under Article 21, the Supreme Court in its landmark verdict on Friday directed all states and Union Territories to provide free biodegradable sanitary napkins to girl students and put in place functional, gender-segregated toilets for all students.

Such sanitary napkins shall be made readily accessible at no cost to girl students, preferably within the toilet premises through sanitary napkin vending machines, or, where such installation is not immediately feasible, at a designated place or with a designated authority within the school, it added. The 126-page verdict by a bench of justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan warned that private schools failing to comply would face derecognition.

"A period should end a sentence, not a girl's education," Justice Pardiwala wrote, noting that the pronouncement is meant for classrooms where girls hesitate to ask for help, teachers restrained by lack of resources, and parents who may not realise the impact of their silence.

"The right to life under Article 21 of the Constitution includes the right to menstrual health. Access to safe, effective and affordable menstrual hygiene management measures helps a girl child attain the highest standard of sexual and reproductive health. The right to healthy reproductive life embraces the right to access education and information about sexual health," the bench held.

The court directed that all schools must establish Menstrual Hygiene Management corners equipped with spare innerwear, uniforms, and disposable bags. School toilets must have handwash facilities and covered waste bins.

The judgment came on a PIL filed by social worker Jaya Thakur seeking nationwide implementation of the Centre's Menstrual Hygiene Policy.

The absence of safe and hygienic menstrual management measures undermines dignified existence

Supreme Court

Compliance compulsory

States and UTs must ensure compliance in three months, with District Education Officers asked to conduct annual inspections and child rights commissions overseeing implementation

Sunetra set to be sworn in DyCM today

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

RAJYA Sabha member Sunetra Pawar, spouse of deceased Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Ajit Pawar, is set to be sworn in as Maharashtra deputy chief minister on Saturday, hours after she is elected the legislative party's leader. At present, Sunetra represents the party in the Rajya Sabha.

The NCP, which has 41 MLAs, will hold its legislative party meeting at Vidhan Bhavan in Mumbai on Saturday.

The day began with NCP leaders Praful Patel, Sunil Tatkare, Chhagan Bhujbal and Dhananjay Munde meeting Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and conveying that Sunetra will be elected the NCP legislative party leader and join the cabinet as deputy CM in place of her husband.

"We also informed the chief minister that she will hold all portfolios that were allotted to Ajit Pawar, including finance, excise and sports," said a party source seeking anonymity.

Sources said Sunetra and her sons Parth and Jay are likely to attend the legislature party meeting where she will be elected its leader.

EXPRESS READ

Man kills parents, sister in Vijayanagara district

HOSAPETE: In a shocking incident, a man allegedly murdered his father, mother and sister in Kotturu town of Vijayanagara district. The incident came to light after the accused went to a police station in Bengaluru to register a missing case for his family members. The accused has been identified as Akshay Kumar | P7

1/5th of SSLC students failed in Kannada last yr

BENGALURU: Out of around 8.42 lakh students who appeared in the 2024-25 SSLC examinations across Karnataka, 1,65,080 failed in the Kannada language paper. Of these, 1,32,175 had Kannada as their first language, 30,913 as second language and 1,992 as third language | P8

Piyush Goyal faults UPA govt's naive protectionism

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA, PUSHPITA DEY & DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

INDIA lost billions of dollars in export opportunities due to the 'naïve reading' of sensitive sectors by the previous government during earlier negotiations with the European Union, commerce minister Piyush Goyal said on Wednesday.

The free trade agreements with the UK and EU have opened up the automobile and wine sectors that were earlier perceived as sensitive. Goyal, in an exclusive interview with *TNIE*, said it was the 'naïve' decision by previous governments to keep these sectors closed that resulted in Indian exporters losing access to large developed markets. "It was the height of naïveté that the Congress could not even see what was sensitive and what was not. Today, India exports $9 billion worth of automobiles," Goyal told *TNIE*.

"Because of that failure under the UPA government, crores of people lost livelihoods. Our ability to move up the value chain and develop higher skills and better quality products was compromised. The Congress, DMK and their partners must be held accountable for this," Goyal said.

Under the India–EU FTA, tariffs on imported European cars will be reduced from 110% to 10% under a quota-based system, while duties on car parts will be completely phased out over 5-10 years. Similarly, duties on wines will be reduced from the current 150% to 75% when the agreement comes into force and will be progressively lowered to as little as 20% over time.

Goyal said despite opening up the automobile and wine sectors, the domestic industry will remain protected as there are import quotas on EU products. "There is no threat. Manufacturing costs in Europe are too high. We have protected 90% of our auto market. Small cars are not part of the deal," he said.

Poineercherry Government Tamil Higher Primary School in Bengaluru's Shivajinagar

100 not out, but over 3,300 govt schools on sticky wicket

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

MORE than 3,300 government schools in Karnataka are functioning in buildings that are more than 100 years old. They are deemed to be heritage schools, but the government has spent very little, only Rs 20 lakh, in restoration of these schools.

In 2018, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had announced in the state budget that these schools would be identified as heritage schools and funds would be set aside for their restoration.

Now, children in these schools are migrating to private schools, while teachers are being transferred to other schools.

Bengaluru alone has 155 such schools. Most of these are in a dilapidated condition, some have downed the shutters and others are crying for attention so that they don't shut the doors for students who come from poor socio-economic backgrounds.

The famous Fort High School on KR Road in Chamrajpet is over 110 years old. The school building was restored by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) with private funding of more than Rs 2 crore.

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NCB busts drug manufacturing unit in Mysuru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A Toyota Fortuner SUV with the Karnataka registration number was intercepted at Palsana, Surat district, Gujarat, on January 28 by the Narcotics Control NCB (NCB), Ahmedabad. The search of the vehicle led to the recovery of about 35 kg of mephedrone (MD) – a banned empathogen-stimulant drug, also called 'meow meow,' or 'M-CAT,' which is used in recreational settings because of its stimulant effects similar to amphetamines (particularly MDMA) and cocaine.

The arrest of the alleged mastermind of the inter-state drug network, Mahindra Kumar Vishnoi, subsequently led the NCB, Bengaluru zonal unit to bust a "sophisticated illicit manufacturing unit in Hebbal Industrial Area in Mysuru, which was being operated in the guise of manufacturing chemicals for cleaning purposes, and was taken on rent by a co-accused and relative of the mastermind," the NCB stated in an official release on Friday.

"Drugs worth over Rs 10 crore (street market), along with Rs 25.6 lakh in cash, a Toyota Fortuner SUV and various chemicals weighing more than 500 kg have been seized in the case so far," added the NCB. CONTINUED ON P8

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SOMANAHALLI TOLL PLAZA

HC directs NHAI to issue free passes to locals

Petitioners seek alternative roads for hassle-free movement between villages

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THE Karnataka High Court directed the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to issue free passes to residents of Somanahalli and Nelaguli villages who travel to Kaggalipura and other villages for their daily needs through the Somanahalli Toll Plaza.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order while partly allowing the petition filed by Manjesh Kumar and seven others residing in different areas on Kanakapura Road in the city.

The court said that the exercise of verification of residency and issuance of free passes should be completed within 30 days from the date of receipt of the copy of this order by the NHAI. In the event of failure on the part of NHAI to comply with the direction within the said deadline, the NHAI shall forthwith cease collection of toll at the Somanahalli Toll Plaza and shall remove and relocate the said toll plaza to a location in conformity with Rule 8 of the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008, said the court, clarifying that no toll should be levied or collected from the petitioners or other eligible local residents pending compliance with this order.

The petitioners prayed the court to issue a direction to the NHAI and others to shift the toll plaza constructed at Km 448+900 (Somanahalli Village), National Highway No.2090 and also to construct a service road/alternative road for easy movement of the petitioners between Somanahalli village, Nelaguli village, and Kaggalipura village in Kanakapura taluk.

They also prayed that the court issue directions to install a closed user fee collection system as per Rule 3 of the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Amendment Rules, 2022.

The court held that toll collection without the installation of a Closed User Fee Collection System violates Rule 8 (3) of the National Highway Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008.

Yelahanka farmers oppose Bettahalasur rail work

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@ Bengaluru

FARMERS from Yelahanka taluk have opposed land acquisition for the proposed Bettahalasur-Rajanukunte railway project. Addressing reporters here on Friday, leaders of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) demanded that the project be dropped as it would affect farmers' livelihoods and destroy the local ecosystem.

They said Chikkaballapur-Gauribidanur and Sathya Sai Nilayam- Chikkaballapur railway projects, which have been pending for years, should be implemented at the earliest instead of taking up the Bettahalasur-Rajanukunte project.

KRRS general secretary BG Nanjundappa said small and marginal farmers of Singanayakanahalli, Thimmasandra, Bettahalasur and other villages near KIA at Devanahalli had protested against acquisition of their land by the Railways for the proposed project.

In December last, the government issued revised gazette notifications for land acquisition in several villages, including Bettahalasur and Rajakunte in Yelahanka taluk. Notices have been issued to acquire fertile agricultural land. "The proposed project is unscientific and will be of little use to people. The Railways must drop it. If the Railways goes ahead with the proposed project and acquires land for it, many farmers will be affected. Most of them are poor and will be left homeless," Nanjundappa said.

Members of the Karnataka State Farmers' Association stage a demonstration in Bengaluru on Friday against the acquisition of agricultural land by the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board for a proposed railway line between Bettahalasur and Rajanukunte | VINOD KUMAR T

He said the proposed project, if implemented, will lead to destruction of trees and plantations such as mango, guava and pomegranate. "Since Rajanakunte is only 6 km from the Yelahanka railway junction, there is no need for the proposed project. Instead, the Railways should take steps to build railway underpasses and overpasses for the benefit of the people of the region. Some underpasses built at Bettahalasur, Shettigere, Channahalli, Chikkasanne, IVC Road and Kodi Manchenahalli are not helping villagers, including farmers," he said.

Min invites Pai to debate K'taka's public transport

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

TRANSPORT Minister **Ramalinga Reddy** on Thursday hit back at former Infosys CFO T.V. **Mohandas Pai** over his criticism of Karnataka's public transport system, rejecting calls to allow private buses and asserting that public transport is a social obligation rather than a commercial service.

The exchange followed a social media post by Pai accusing the government of failing to ensure adequate public transport and alleging a shortage of buses over the past three years. Pai argued that the State should permit private operators to provide services, stating that citizens need reliable public transport regardless of who operates it.

Responding sharply, Reddy invited Pai to engage in a face-to-face debate with the BMTC Managing Director. "Our BMTC MD is enough to handle a face-to-face debate with you on any platform. Kindly come and discuss the facts with them directly. Are you ready to step up, or will you just keep tweeting?" he said.

STEP UP OR JUST TWEET?

Calling Pai's view "not just biased, but fundamentally dogmatic," the minister said Pai viewed public transport through a balance-sheet lens, while the government saw it as a service for 1.5 crore citizens.

Highlighting the Shakti scheme, Reddy said the State had recorded over 650 crore free bus trips for women, describing it as the largest mobility-led economic empowerment initiative in the country. He said the scheme had expanded access to employment, education and public spaces for women across Karnataka.

Explaining the operating model of State-run transport corporations, Reddy said around 30% of routes operate at a loss to ensure connectivity for students and residents of remote villages, another 30% operate at break-even levels, while the remaining 40%—largely long-distance routes—generate profits that sustain the system. He added that 98% of villages in the State have bus connectivity.

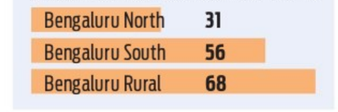
Providing figures, the minister said Karnataka operates 26,054 buses, while the BMTC alone serves nearly 45 lakh commuters daily in Bengaluru. The city fleet of 7,108 buses, including 1,686 electric buses, covers over 13 lakh km and operates about 66,000 trips every day, making it one of the largest urban bus operations in the country.

Reddy also questioned Pai's silence during the previous BJP government, noting that bus inductions were frozen between 2019 and 2023. In contrast, he said, more than 5,800 new buses had been inducted in the last two years, with another 2,000 expected by March 2026.

"Private operators shut down the moment profits dip. A private monopoly would be a crushing burden on the poor," Reddy said, adding, "Public transport is a right, not a luxury. Our public sector undertakings are here to stay, to serve, and to lead Karnataka."

STILL STANDING...

The number of schools that are more than 100 years old in the city:



'Classes held in 4 rooms'

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GOVERNMENT Urdu Primary School in Kalasipalya, functioning in a 150-year-old building, is in a dilapidated condition. A teacher who spoke to TNIE showed the broken ceiling and cracked walls in the classrooms. She said, "This was said to be an armoury during Tipu Sultan's rule. During the British Raj, it was converted into a girls' school. It needs attention from the government. There are 10 classrooms and 80 kids studying here. But due to the bad ceiling, we conduct classes only in four rooms. When it pours during the monsoon, one of these rooms gets flooded."

Syed Afsar Pasha, Secretary, Hind Citizens Welfare Trust, which adopted the school about 10 years ago, said, "We strengthened the school and 250 students enrolled from Classes to 7. We fixed the ceiling and added benches. We also deployed a school bus. But after Covid, there is no cooperation from the education department to extend the adoption period.

Hence, the school is in shambles." Poineercherry Government Tamil Higher Primary School on Cockburn Road in Shivajinagar has been taken over by hoodlums. There is no trace of students or teachers in this building. Residents living around the school say it pains to see the school turned into a dungeon because of the negligence of the education department.

Government Rahmania Model Urdu Boys School on Thimmaiah Road is a stone building built in 1928. In two years, it will touch 100 years. There are 72 students from LKG to Class 7 and it consists of six rooms, including the staff and office room.

EXPRESS READ

State to link AI skills training with industry demand: KNL Director

BENGALURU: Karnataka National Livelihood Mission director Snehal Rayamane said on Friday that young people often feel alarmed when they hear stories about AI replacing human talent. Speaking at the inaugural address of a precursor event to the national AI Impact Summit hosted by Magic Bus India Foundation, he said this myth needs to be dispelled. The event showcased the foundation's skill programmes designed to prepare youth from underserved communities for the needs of an economy where demand for AI literacy continues to grow. Rayamane said, "We have multiple programmes at the state government level where we train the youth for self-employment. Soon, as confirmed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, we will be conducting an international job fair in the first week of April."

Autistic students often excluded from mainstream education

BENGALURU: Even a decade after Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, autistic children continue to face exclusion in mainstream education because of inconsistent implementation of reasonable modifications for such kids, said the speakers at a national seminar on 'Leveraging Policy for Education and Skill Development - A Decade of the RPwD Act, 2016'. Chitra Seshadri, Director of Farm Hill Education Trust said, "support and inclusive modifications peak around exams and disappears during daily learning. This inconsistency creates anxiety and disrupts continuity for autistic students."

Presidency University showcases student work at FLUX 2026

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

The School of Design at Presidency University recently hosted FLUX – Experiential Week 2026, showcasing its design students' work.

The four-day event was organised as part of the odd-semester academic programme. Pro vice chancellor Dr. Vidya Shankar Shetty inaugurated the exhibition at the university campus along with other key officials.

The exhibition featured curated installations displayed under a canopy, highlighting the students' material experimentation. Students from Fashion Design, Product Design, Space Design, Communication Design, and Game Design presented their work separately.

COMED-K exams to be held on May 9

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THE COMED-K/Uni-GAUGE 2026 has announced the date for the entrance examination of undergraduate courses, and the exams will be conducted on May 9, 2026. Students can apply from February 3, and the last date is March 16. This year, over 1,40,000 students are expected to appear for the exams from 200 cities across India, spanning 400 exam centres. It is a computer-based test for students. The examination is intended for candidates seeking admission to B.E/B.

Tech programmes in more than 150 private unaided engineering colleges in the state and more than 30 deemed universities across India, affiliated with Karnataka Unaided Private Engineering Colleges Association (KUPECA) and Uni-GAUGE member universities. For more instructions, students can visit the official websites at www.comedk.org and www.unigauge.com.

Lakshmana Tirtha heavily polluted, build UGD: MLA

BENGALURU: Hunsur MLA GD Harish Gowda in the Assembly raised the issue of Lakshmana Tirtha river that runs for about 50km in his constituency being the second-most polluted river in the state. He said the underground drainage project at an estimated Rs 70 crore should be executed soon to stop sewage flowing into it. Urban Development and Town Planning Minister Byrathi Suresh said that as per the NGT report, 35 cities including Hunsur are facing pollution. As a short-term plan Rs 26.8 crore was released to intercept the sewage with the treatment plant. He said the government will get the approval from the finance department for a revised estimate of Rs 70.5 crore to implement UGD.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

31st January : Snow Moon Eve The Snow Moon Eve features two lucky lunar trines, one that emphasizes parental bonds and one focused on childlike wonder and creativity. It's an omen that shines lunar light on how our creative joy is affected by parentage and expressed out of the various gifts and tensions of that complex relationship. Reflection on the topic will bring immediate gifts.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You'll make the great discovery that you have -- and maybe are -- the cure for something that ailed you. And don't forget that fun, humor and good people are also vital to your continued well-being. Laughter is cardio for your insides.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Assess the financial angle today. A person who is paid for what they do may be no more successful than the one who is not being paid for the same action. Success is measured in many more ways than money can account for.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Desire is illogical. In the clutches of it, judgment flies out the window. Counterintuitively, the best way to sometimes return to reason is to go deeper into the madness of desire until the wanting plays out.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
You know what matters most, and you spend your best energy there. Maybe you can't give the time you would like to, but you make up for it with intensity and a life force that moves and affects.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You will notice the times during the day when you feel most like yourself. These times will stretch out and become more a part of your week because you make efforts to protect and prioritize them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
It's wise to acknowledge the limits of one's own knowledge. You avoid the moral or intellectual self-righteousness that might narrow thinking and shut down learning. People who stay curious and open tend to be more constructive than people who are rigidly certain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Your heart and mind are engines of creation. Anything you commit to now must amplify your creativity. If it doesn't inspire you, elevate you or help you build your world, it has no place here.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Choosing feels tricky because your options seem so similar. That is, until you go by feeling because one option feels more exciting to you. Act on these feelings and they'll guide you well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Vague feelings and tensions are worth exploring. Once you name them, they become contained by the word, and you can then hold them, examine from different angles and place them where they are best kept.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Let nothing stop you from being hopeful. Imagine the scene where it all comes together and you rise, victorious, enjoying the prize. It's a fun way to think about the future. Focus on whatever lifts your spirits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Scientific inquiry works for you. You'll make a prediction and then do an experiment to see what actually occurs. Record it all so you can repeat what works. These experiments will eventually bring you compounding, enduring success.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
The composer's secret: the note that is most beautiful beyond compare is silence. You'll use it well now to create profound emphasis, allow for great understanding and lay a foundation for what you most want to express.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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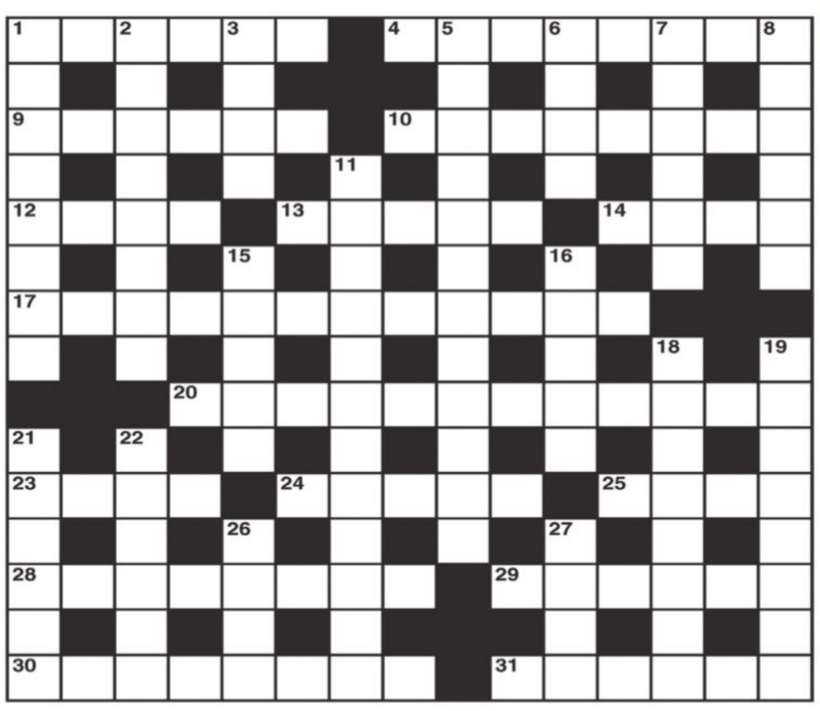

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Season well (6)
4 A reminder to lay down Japanese wine (8)
9 Carry on with a summary (6)
10 Worked hard and cleared the grounds (8)
12 It flows out of line (4)
13 Firm support for a king maybe (5)
14 Leaf-destroying parasite (4)
17 Break up and scatter inside target (12)
20 Shows what a discontented group does (12)
23 The last word used by me in the article (4)
24 Golfer's slice? (5)
25 Facts obtained from the scoreboard at a match (4)
28 Directions on a ship for finding the coast (8)
29 Mother, can I possibly have a fruitcake? (6)
30 Accommodating countrywoman? (8)
31 Puzzle set in game (6)

DOWN

1 Night air coming through the window (8)
2 Uneasy when lacking support (8)
3 One is entitled to be called it (4)
5 Go-ahead to join low-key revolution (12)
6 Leap about the ring (4)
7 Records of non-U plants (6)
8 Create goodwill by being close to the listener (6)
11 Got up and blushed pink (4-8)
15 Some strangers give offence (5)
16 Begin spreading tar on the street (5)
18 Taking one drink laced with another (8)
19 Local ranch where Incas ate perhaps (8)
21 Holds back the Spanish girl (6)
22 Stay to check mother in (6)
26 Use the wrong sort of tackle perhaps (4)
27 Grass is classified as fine material (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Muses, 4 Careful, 8 Sue, 9 Fortnight, 10 Enlarge, 11 Order, 13 Reward, 15 Unwary, 18 Dryad, 19 Mascara, 21 Reckoning, 23 Ian, 24 Spectre, 25 Sated.

Down: 1 Masseur, 2 Steal away, 3 So far, 4 Caries, 5 Run down, 6 Fog, 7 Later, 12 Dramatist, 14 Redcoat, 16 Yearned, 17 Empire, 18 Darts, 20 Signs, 22 Cue.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

YSEZT

AMHNU

DESPEY

LNJEIG

He's completed most of his throws. That's good!
I think we have a quarterback.
12/6
WOULD THE NEW QB THROW LOTS OF TOUCHDOWNS? IT WAS TOO SOON TO ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: OUTDO COURT FENNEL ZEALOT
Answer: They thought the telemarketer's approach to selling was — UNCALLED-FOR

Customs officers deployed at T2 of Kempegowda International Airport intercepted 7.92 kg of hydroponic ganja on Friday. The contraband was seized from a passenger arriving from Bangkok, who had concealed the package in the checked-in luggage. The ganja was estimated to be worth around Rs 2.77 crore. The passenger was arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act of 1985

A gritty man, who lived life king size & built an empire

Often compared with Vijay Mallya for extravagant lifestyle

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

City Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh arrives at the crime scene at Langford Road | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

ON the bustling Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, a massive billboard loomed over travellers, featuring CJ Roy, chairman of Confident Group, who shot himself dead in Bengaluru on Friday. The tagline of the billboard was unmistakable: he lived life "King Size". To the world, Roy was the embodiment of the self-made Indian dream — a man who collected Rolls-Royces like others collect stamps and moved through the glitzy orbits of filmland and high society with effortless charisma. On Friday, that larger-than-life narrative met a silent, tragic end in a Langford Road office, leaving behind a story that is as much about the fragility of success as it is about the heights of ambition.

Before he was the billionaire chairman of the Confident Group, Roy was just a "frontbencher" at school. His childhood friends recall a boy who was barely five feet tall — long before he grew into the six-foot powerhouse the industry knew. "He was extremely tough mentally," a school friend remembered, reflecting on the grit that saw Roy rise from his humble beginnings.

Roy didn't inherit his empire; he built it. From his early days, learning the ropes under businessman-builder Paul Fernandes at Fern Valley in 1996 to his partnership with KK Namboodiri in 2000, Roy was a man in a hurry. Around 2005, he launched the Confident Group, turning it into a real estate juggernaut that spanned borders acquiring hundreds of acres of land.

Roy (57) didn't just achieve wealth; he performed it. In an era where many billionaires hide behind gated estates, Roy invited the world in. His social media was a curated gallery of a fleet of top end cars. He recently celebrated the acquisition of his 12th Rolls-Royce. He was a fixture at movie launches, often seen rubbing shoulders with leading actors and industry icons in Dubai. He leaned into the comparison with figures like Vijay Mallya, consciously cultivating an image of a man who enjoyed every penny he earned. To his admirers, he was aspirational — a sign that a "regular guy" could win big. To his critics, the display was excessive. But to Roy, it seemed to be a shield, a testament to the mental toughness his school friends had noted decades prior.

The contrast between Roy's vibrant public persona and his final moments is jarring. While Tax sleuths conducted a search of his premises, the man who lived "King-Size" allegedly took his own life.

The tragedy has sent shockwaves through the business community, drawing grim comparisons to the 2019 death of Cafe Coffee Day founder VG Siddhartha. Political observers and associates are now raising a familiar, haunting question: When does the pursuit of accountability cross the line into unsustainable pressure? Roy's family alleges that the "sustained pressure" of the interrogation drove him to the brink. While the police inquiry continues, the business world is left to mourn a man who seemed to have everything, yet felt he had no way out.

Roy's story is a reminder that behind the viral videos of luxury cars and the "King Size" advertisements, there is a human being navigating the immense weight of an empire. He leaves behind a legacy of towering buildings and high-octane glamour, but also a sobering perspective on the high cost of the spotlight. The man who once sat on the front bench, eager to take on the world, has left it far too soon.

MD OF CONFIDENT GRP SEEKS PROBE

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BALLISTIC experts will examine the weapon used, while teams from the Forensic Science Laboratory and the Scene of Crime Officers are examining the spot. The body has been shifted to the Bowring Hospital mortuary for the postmortem.

The Ashok Nagar police registered an unnatural death case following a complaint filed by TA Joseph, MD and founding director of Confident Group. He has sought an investigation into the circumstances that led Roy to take the extreme step. Confident Group has its presence in India, predominantly in Kerala and Karnataka, and Dubai.

EXPRESS READ

Man who jumped bail in robbery case 24 yrs ago held

Bengaluru: A man, who has been absconding for 24 years after jumping bail in a robbery case, has been arrested by Jayanagar police. The accused, P Mahalingam, 46, along with his two friends, entered a house in Jayanagar 4th Block and took away two spectacles, clothes and Rs 1,000 in cash after threatening its owner with a knife in September 2002. Mahalingam, who was residing on Bannerghatta Road at the time of his arrest, vacated the house after jumping bail. Jayanagar police had arrested the three accused and sent them to jail. "All three disappeared after their release from jail on bail. The main accused, Mahesh, died. Manish is yet to be arrested. On receiving information that Mahalingam was near his previous residence, a police team rushed to the spot and arrested him. Mahalingam was 22 when he jumped bail," said a police officer.

Lokayukta finds Rs 10.46 cr DA linked to KIMS official

Bengaluru: The Lokayukta police on Friday found assets worth Rs 10.46 crore allegedly disproportionate to known sources of income in the possession of B Kallesh, Chief Administrative Officer of KIMS Medical College in Koppal. According to an official statement, the total assets held by Kallesh were valued at Rs 16.01 crore, of which Rs 10.46 crore was found to be disproportionate assets (DA). Of the total assets, Kallesh reportedly owned immovable properties worth Rs 13.51 crore, comprising seven sites, three houses — including a college building — and 31 acres and 35 guntas of agricultural land. Movable assets were valued at Rs 2.49 crore and included Rs 37 lakh in cash, gold and silver ornaments worth Rs 1.13 crore, and vehicles valued at Rs 61 lakh. The searches were conducted at nine locations, including the residences of Kallesh and his relatives, as well as his office in Koppal.

FIR against teacher for assaulting Std 4 student

Bengaluru: A private school teacher in Lakshmidevi Nagar, Laggere was booked for allegedly assaulting a 10-year-old Class 4 student after he failed to complete his homework, on Thursday. Nandini Layout police have registered a case against the teacher, Anglina, and the private school under charges of voluntarily causing hurt and provisions of the Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act. The victim's mother, Lakshmi (27), complained that her son was physically abused by his school teacher on January 10. The teacher allegedly beat the child on his legs, hands, and fingers with a thick stick and threatened him not to disclose the incident. The child, who stays at a hostel in Vidhana Soudha Layout, reportedly remained silent until January 12. His mother found him crying when she visited the school. She then approached the school's HR department, she was then assured by the management that the teacher would be suspended. Lakshmi later learnt from other students that the teacher continued to work at the school. Traumatized by the incident, the child has refused to return to school.

IVF and ART procedures to be included in CM's ArK scheme

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THE Karnataka government has approved the inclusion of assisted reproductive technology (ART) procedures such as in vitro fertilisation (IVF), intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) and frozen embryo transfer (FET) under the AB-PMJAY CM's ArK scheme. The benefit will be extended to 120 Priority Household (PHH) cardholders as a pilot project for a period of one year.

The scheme aims to support infertile couples with no living biological children for whom advanced fertility treatment is medically required but financially unaffordable. Treatment will be offered in government tertiary care hospitals, including district hospitals, medical colleges and autonomous institutes, as well as approved private ART centres registered under the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act.

Under the scheme, eligible couples will be entitled to a one-time benefit covering up to three ART cycles in their lifetime, including frozen embryo transfer cycles. The package rates for the procedures will be fixed by the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (KPME) expert committee.

An expert committee headed by the Executive Director of the State Agency for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SAST) has been directed to issue detailed guidelines on eligibility criteria, inclusion and exclusion norms, standard operating procedures, and empanelment of facilities. The government has clarified that after one year, the services may be restricted to government hospitals if adequate facilities are available.

SAND MINING

Dr G's statement gives no hope, court-monitored probe needed, says HC

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"IF the home minister feels helpless in taking action to curb the illegal sand mining by mafia, there cannot be any hope that the said illegal activity of sand mining in the State can be curbed by the State machinery. It is a serious issue and it requires a Court monitored investigation by a Central Agency or a Specially Constituted Investigating Agency or a Special Investigation Team (SIT)," the Karnataka High Court said.

A division bench of Justices DK Singh and Tara Vitasta Ganju made the serious remarks in an order passed while taking up suo motu cognisance of media reports on Home Minister Dr G Parameshwar's statement in the Assembly on January 28. The court issued the notice to the Home Department, Mines and Geology and the Department of Forest, Environment & Ecology and asked them to file a response within three weeks. News reports on January 18 stated that the home minister said in the Assembly that many big and influential people from across political parties are involved in illegal sand mining, but he expresses his helplessness in curbing the menace.

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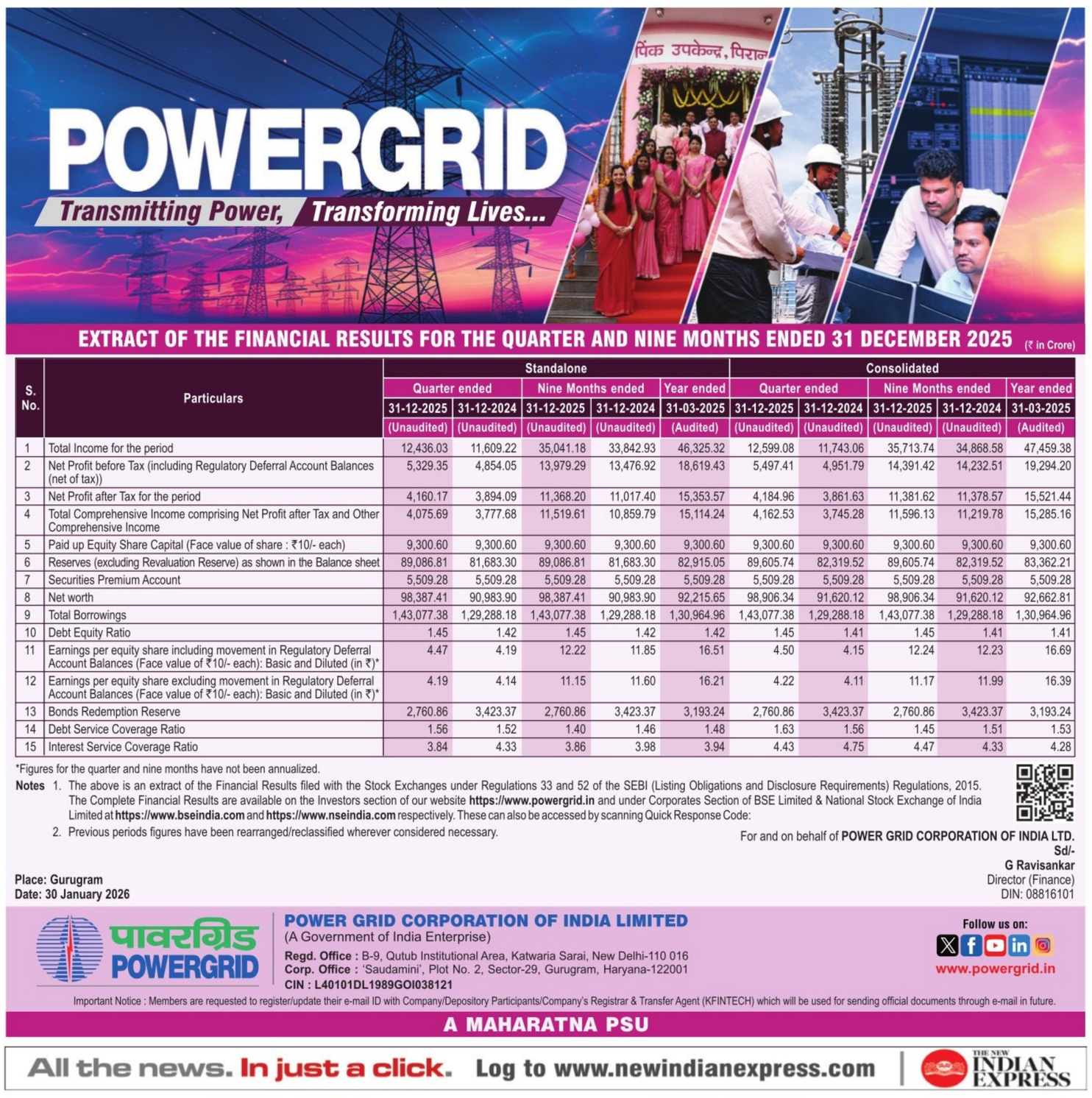

EXTRACT OF THE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025 (₹ in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone					Consolidated				
		Quarter ended		Nine Months ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Nine Months ended		Year ended
		31-12-2025 (Unaudited)	31-12-2024 (Unaudited)	31-12-2025 (Unaudited)	31-12-2024 (Unaudited)	31-03-2025 (Audited)	31-12-2025 (Unaudited)	31-12-2024 (Unaudited)	31-12-2025 (Unaudited)	31-12-2024 (Unaudited)	31-03-2025 (Audited)
1	Total Income for the period	12,436.03	11,609.22	35,041.18	33,842.93	46,325.32	12,599.08	11,743.06	35,713.74	34,868.58	47,459.38
2	Net Profit before Tax (including Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (net of tax))	5,329.35	4,854.05	13,979.29	13,476.92	18,619.43	5,497.41	4,951.79	14,391.42	14,232.51	19,294.20
3	Net Profit after Tax for the period	4,160.17	3,894.09	11,368.20	11,017.40	15,353.57	4,184.96	3,861.63	11,381.62	11,378.57	15,521.44
4	Total Comprehensive Income comprising Net Profit after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income	4,075.69	3,777.68	11,519.61	10,859.79	15,114.24	4,162.53	3,745.28	11,596.13	11,219.78	15,285.16
5	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value of share : ₹10/- each)	9,300.60	9,300.60	9,300.60	9,300.60	9,300.60	9,300.60	9,300.60	9,300.60	9,300.60	9,300.60
6	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Balance sheet	89,086.81	81,683.30	89,086.81	81,683.30	82,915.05	89,605.74	82,319.52	89,605.74	82,319.52	83,362.21
7	Securities Premium Account	5,509.28	5,509.28	5,509.28	5,509.28	5,509.28	5,509.28	5,509.28	5,509.28	5,509.28	5,509.28
8	Net worth	98,387.41	90,983.90	98,387.41	90,983.90	92,215.65	98,906.34	91,620.12	98,906.34	91,620.12	92,662.81
9	Total Borrowings	1,43,077.38	1,29,288.18	1,43,077.38	1,29,288.18	1,30,964.96	1,43,077.38	1,29,288.18	1,43,077.38	1,29,288.18	1,30,964.96
10	Debt Equity Ratio	1.45	1.42	1.45	1.42	1.42	1.45	1.41	1.45	1.41	1.41
11	Earnings per equity share including movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (Face value of ₹10/- each): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)*	4.47	4.19	12.22	11.85	16.51	4.50	4.15	12.24	12.23	16.69
12	Earnings per equity share excluding movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (Face value of ₹10/- each): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)*	4.19	4.14	11.15	11.60	16.21	4.22	4.11	11.17	11.99	16.39
13	Bonds Redemption Reserve	2,760.86	3,423.37	2,760.86	3,423.37	3,193.24	2,760.86	3,423.37	2,760.86	3,423.37	3,193.24
14	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.56	1.52	1.40	1.46	1.48	1.63	1.56	1.45	1.51	1.53
15	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	3.84	4.33	3.86	3.98	3.94	4.43	4.75	4.47	4.33	4.28

*Figures for the quarter and nine months have not been annualized.

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Minister for Urban Development and Town Planning Byrathi Suresh on Friday said that he will hold a meeting of the officials of his department, L&T and the concerned MLAs of Hubballi-Dharwad to find a solution to the delay in implementing the Rs 1,200-crore worth drinking water project after February 5. The project aims to provide water to 1 lakh households in the twin-cities

BJP MLA seeks national debate to revisit practice of Guv's address

Terms it colonial hangover, says his vote of thanks is for governor and not for speech

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@ Bengaluru

SENIOR BJP MLA S Suresh Kumar on Friday said that the practice of the governor's annual address to the state legislature across the country has lost its significance and sanctity and there should be a national debate on whether the practice should continue.

Calling it a "colonial hangover adapted from the UK's Westminster system where the King or Queen addresses the Parliament", Suresh Kumar said, "When we adapted it under Article 87 of the Constitution, the architects of our constitution never imagined conflicts would arise like the present one, like they did not know about cyber crimes while framing IPC."

Making it clear that it was his personal opinion and not his party line, the former minister said, "Is there a need to revisit the practice of the governor's address? Is it relevant today?"

He was making this point while speaking on the motion

BJP MLA Suresh Kumar makes a point in the Assembly on Friday | EXPRESS

of vote of thanks to the governor's speech. "My vote of thanks is for the governor and not for the speech," he added.

He regretted that the ritual of inviting the governor to the House, making him or her read the government's achievements, and then condemning him or her would ultimately turn out to be an insult to the governor's office.

He pointed out that the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has proposed the need for a constitutional amendment to abolish the customary governor's address.

Suresh Kumar also recalled that former Bihar and Jharkhand governor Justice M Rama Jois had also opined that the "satire" of the governor's speech should be put to an end.

"Taking cue from Karnataka, there is a need for a national debate as to what the governors should read out to the governments. Usually, the achievements and the glance for the future should be incorporated in the speech, but these days the governor's speech has political overtones," he said.

The part the governor did not read out (on repeal of MGNREGA), the government has accomplished it through its newspaper advertisements, he said.

Suresh Kumar, referring to the issue of the change in leadership in Karnataka, observed that the bureaucracy has been in a state of uncertainty. "The revolution was predicted to happen in November, December, and was pushed to this January. The bureaucrats are facing uncertainty as to whom they should report to. This adhocism is not good in the interest of the development of the state," he said.

He chided that the government is marred by infighting as there is a shadow boxing (between Deputy CM D K Shivakumar's younger brother D K Suresh and CM's son Dr Yathindra) which was an "entertainment without tax", which, however, people of the state are fed up with.

On the issue of the State Government laying the red carpet for the Adani Group, Suresh Kumar said, "In this country, a few names cause aversion to a few. The Congress alleged that the BJP has surrendered to Adani. But the State Government laid the red carpet for Adani Group's ACC cement. After filing a criminal case to recover Rs 850 crore and not even considering the law department's opinion, the industries and commerce department has sent a letter of intent directly to the Centre for the extension of one year," he said.

GRAM SWARAJ GANDHI'S IDEA: SIDDU

CM Siddaramaiah said it was Mahatma Gandhi who empowered the idea of Gram Swaraj. "Gandhi had said that without strengthening villages, the country cannot be strong. Gandhi emphasised that villages must become socially, economically, educationally, and politically self-reliant." There are 6,000 Gram Panchayats across the state and the government has decided to name these panchayat office buildings after Gandhi in recognition of his vision of Gram Swaraj," he said. The CM paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi on his 78th death anniversary that is observed as Martyrs' Day | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

POLITICAL THEATRE

VIJAYENDRA URGES GOVT TO PAY ITS SHARE TO INSTALL 33 NEW GATES IN TB DAM

BENGALURU: State BJP president and MLA BY Vijayendra on Friday said that it is shocking that the Karnataka government has withdrawn its share of money even though the Union Government-run Tungabhadra Board has taken steps to install all the new gates at the Tungabhadra reservoir by May 2026 in the interest of the farmers. Speaking in the Legislative Assembly, he demanded that the State Government release the amount withheld by it and maintain its dignity if it wants to protect the interests of the farmers of Koppal, Raichur, Ballari, and Vijayanagara districts. "We all witnessed the incident when the 19th gate of the Tungabhadra reservoir broke last year. At that time, the State Government had installed the gate temporarily," he said. He pointed out that the Tungabhadra Board has taken action on the advice of experts to replace the remaining 33 gates, including the broken one.

Oppn seeks Excise Min Timmapur's resignation

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DEMANDING an investigation into the alleged multi-crore scam in the excise department, the opposition in the Legislative Council called for the resignation of Excise Minister RB Timmapur.

Leader of Opposition Chalavadi Narayanaswamy and BJP MLC and Opposition Chief Whip Ravi Kumar, while discussing the alleged scam under Rule 330 in the Council here on Friday, said that monthly bribery 'rate cards' were fixed for bars and restaurants, with each of them forced to shell out a minimum of Rs 30,000, otherwise they were threatened with harassment from government officials.

They said that from issuing new permits and renewing liquor licences, bribes had to be paid with excise officials openly stating that they had to give a share to the Excise Minister.

Narayanaswamy, citing instances of accusations against KS Eshwarappa and KJ George, who resigned their ministerial posts, faced investigations and proved their innocence, urged Timmapur, too, to resign.

IT BT Minister Priyank Kharge asked the opposition to submit proof of corruption and said that the Excise Minister was ready to tender his resignation. "An official getting caught red-handed while accepting a Rs 25 lakh bribe. Isn't that proof enough?," retorted BJP's Ravi Kumar.

Timmapur, while dismissing the allegations, said he had come up with a slew of measures, including extending licence renewal period from the earlier one year to five years, transfer of excise officials through counselling, making 41 services in the department 'faceless', among others, to ensure there is no corruption in the department. He said many can't accept his rise as a Dalit leader. "If evidences are given, I am ready to resign," Timmapur said.

VB-G RAM G aims to end graft in MGNREGA, says LoP Chalavadi

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"NO 'scheme' should become a 'scam'. But in MGNREGA, the 'scheme' was to make 'scam'," Leader of Opposition in Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy has said. He alleged that there were many irregularities in MGNREGA, and the Union Government came up with VB-G RAM G to put an end to it and improve the rural livelihood.

While discussing motion of thanks on the governor's address to the legislature on Friday, Narayanaswamy said, "In the first 11 paragraphs of the governor's speech, the State Government has criticised the VB-G RAM G. Under MGNREGA, contractors have looted money by getting the works done using machinery and projected that the works were done using people. They got the MGNREGA scheme money deposited into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries and withdrew it." He said this was the modus operandi followed in many parts of India, including regions like Yadgir, Kalaburagi and Vijayapura in Karnataka.

Mentioning that the VB-G RAM G Act aims to address all the loopholes, Narayanaswamy said, "No scheme should become a scam. VB-G RAM G aims to put an end to the scam. While MGNREGA offered only 100 days of work, VBGRAM aims to provide 125 days of work to the people and also ensure that they are given more wages, that too within a maximum of 14 days."

He said that Mahatma Gandhi's name was not in the scheme earlier, and it was added later and questioned why there is opposition to the acronym VB-G RAM G. Chalavadi said that Gandhi envisioned Ramarajya, and the name of Ram has come in the scheme's acronym. "There is a Rs 6,000 crore scam in the excise department. The government has looted money from the Valmiki Corporation, and there is an MUDA scam. Eleven people died in the Chinnaswamy stampede. SCSP/TSP funds are diverted to run guarantee schemes. Drugs are easily available in the state. All these are achievements of the government", Narayanaswamy said.

Leader of Opposition in Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy addresses the House on Friday | EXPRESS

Council proceedings return to normal after 3 days

Proceedings of the Council, that was repeatedly disrupted for three consecutive days without any business, returned to normalcy on Friday. Since January 27, the House was disrupted as Opposition members demanded that the State Government express regret for condemning the governor's address, while Congress members complained that the governor had disrespected the National Anthem. Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti, who held multiple reconciliatory meetings between the ruling and opposition members to end the deadlock, said that he has given a ruling and the matter was closed. He requested members to abide by the rules of the Council and ensure that the dignity of the House is maintained. He also warned the members that strict action would be taken against those who do not abide by the rules of Council.

K'taka mulls ban on social media for kids below 16

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THE Karnataka government is planning to ban social media for children below the age of 16, taking a lead from Australia and Goa.

RDPR and IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge informed the Assembly on Friday that the government is mulling over the plan. Responding to senior BJP leader and MLA S Suresh Kumar, who expressed concern over the abuse of social media, Kharge admitted that it is a serious issue. "Finland has taken action, the UK is mulling over it and Australia banned social media two months ago. We too in the state have launched a digital detoxification programme for responsible use of AI and social media. The IT-BT department, in collaboration with Meta, has been running it by involving over three lakh children and one lakh teachers," he said.

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He told *TNIE* that in March 2025, the 'Beyond Screens' programme was launched to help individuals struggling with digital addiction. He had announced the initiative at the GAFX 2025 summit after inaugurating a 'Beyond Screens' digital detox centre and an official website of the department. The detox centre serves as a dedicated hub for resources, counselling and intervention programmes for healthier digital habits.

On the floor of the House, Suresh Kumar said the Economic Survey 2025-26 submitted to the Lok Sabha on Thursday recommended the government to implement age-based restriction for social media use for children.

CM blames BJP for unpaid bills, Opposition hits back

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AT a time when the contractors' association has set a deadline of March 5 for the State Government to clear their pending bills, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Friday blamed the previous BJP government for the not clearing the dues. When reporters asked him about the deadline set by the contractors' association, the CM stated that it was the previous BJP government that had not cleared the dues. "The dues are huge because they (BJP) did not pay them," the CM said.

The BJP, however, attacked the State Government on the issue of pending bills to contractors. Karnataka BJP president BY Vijayendra said that since the Congress came to power in the state in 2023, the State Government has turned Karnataka into a den of corruption. "There is rampant corruption in departments like urban development, housing, and excise. The pending bills exceed Rs 37,370 crore. The contractors are making corruption allegations against the Congress government... it is revealing the true face of the State Government," Vijayendra said. "To pay black money to your high command, you have made the lives of contractors miserable. Is the state treasury empty?" he added.

Vijayendra also said that the government had promised to pay the contractors their dues in April 2025. "No money has been paid. Now, contractors are expressing displeasure with the State Government. This is the achievement of this government. It has made the state bankrupt by giving the government into the hands of commission agents," he said, adding that the state has witnessed no development.

The Legislative Council in session on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

GOERGE LOYAL CONGMAN, WON'T RESIGN: DKS

Shivamogga: Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said that Energy Minister KJ George will not resign and is a loyal Congressman. Shivakumar termed the reports of George considering to resign as rumours. Shivakumar told reporters in Shivamogga on Friday that George is a senior leader of the party. Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh served a show-cause notice to the Principal Secretary to Energy Department and also to the Managing Director of Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Pankaj Kumar Pandey. "I also worked with Pandey who is a good officer," Shivakumar said. Shivakumar refused to comment on the reports of alleged "interference" by CM Siddaramaiah's son and MLC Yathindra in the Energy Department. Shivakumar alleged that the Union Government continued to adopt a "stepmotherly attitude" towards Karnataka in the Union Budget and said BJP MPs and Union ministers had remained silent on the issue.

Reddy and Nagendra spar over Ballari clashes

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GANGAVATHI MLA G Janaradhana Reddy and Ballari Rural Congress MLA B Nagendra sparred in the Assembly on Friday over the Ballari banner violence that resulted in the murder of a Congress worker.

Speaking on the Vote of Thanks motion Nagendra took strong exception to the allegations Reddy made against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar.

Nagendra recalled that the DCM had said that only the Centre can sanction Z category security and if it does not, Reddy can hire it privately, from Iran or the US.

He also took a dig at former minister B Sriramulu alleging that the latter during the BJP rally had issued a warning that he will hunt down the Congress workers and Bharat Reddy even if he goes underground when the BJP comes to power in 2028.

Reddy said Sriramulu did not say so and taunted him that B Nagendra cannot match B Sriramulu, an ST Nayaka leader, even if he takes hundred births.

Nagendra, also an ST Nayaka leader, had said he had defeated B Sriramulu in the previous polls and would defeat Reddy next.

Cong must think why it won just 99 LS seats: BYV

The Congress, which once won 415 seats in the Lok Sabha elections, has now been reduced to just 99 seats, chided state BJP president BY Vijayendra, in the Assembly. Congress must pause for a moment and think about why it has reached such a humiliating situation. "Just as Ravana abducted Sita and took her to Lanka, the Congress has abducted the name of Mahatma Gandhi for its own use. This fake Congress has even gone to the extent of putting a cap on Mahatma Gandhi," he ridiculed. "By raising slogans like 'Garibi Hatao', the Congress deceived the poor of this country by putting a velvet cap on them. As a result of such deception, the Congress has reached this humiliating condition— both across the country and in the state," he said. "From 2014 to 2025, the Congress has not been able to make even a single allegation of corruption against the government led by Narendra Modi," he said.

KPCC legal team files plaint against BJP's 'X' handle

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@ Bengaluru

THE legal team of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) has filed a police complaint against the 'X' account of the state unit of BJP for posting derogatory post against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and four other ministers. The BJP Karnataka on Thursday morning had posted a picture of the Congress ministers with a caption 'Scam Lords'.

The complaint was filed by advocate N Narendra of KG Road with the cyber crime police station on Thursday.

According to the complaint, on January 29, 2026, a morphed image was posted from the official account of the BJP Karnataka (@BJP4Karnataka)' on 'X'. "In this post, images of the CM, Deputy CM, and ministers, who are holding constitutional positions, were deliberately morphed and placed under the label Scam Lord. Further, a false and defamatory caption stating, — This is the real story of the scam empire of the @INCKarnataka government that is looting Karnataka day and night— was published," the complaint read. "By editing and badly displaying the images of persons who command public respect, and by using words such as loot and scam against the State Government without any evidence, an attempt has been made to incite hatred and unrest among the public. By misusing digital media, reputations of the ministers have been damaged," the complaint added.

DKS SLAMS BJP FOR SOCIAL MEDIA POST

Criticising BJP Karnataka's social media post, DCM DK Shivakumar on Friday said that there can be criticism in politics but there should be some limitation. Asked about KPCC filing a complaint, he said, "I have sent clear instructions to our party members not to make any criticisms which are not permissible by law. No individual or party must misuse the freedom like this. Hence, we had to go legal. Law will take its own course," he said.

Two persons were injured after a bison chased and attacked an autorickshaw near Arehalli in Belur taluk, Hassan district on Friday. Victims Mohamed Ali, the autorickshaw driver, and Pallavi are now undergoing treatment at the Belur taluk hospital. Villagers alleged the bison also damaged crops in parts of Belur taluk, and urged the forest department to take measures to prevent further incidents

Retain skilled workers with decent pay: Patil

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

MEDICAL Education and Skill Development Minister **Dr Sharanaprakash R Patil** on Friday urged employers in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector to pay adequate salaries to the skilled and talented workers. He cited inadequate salary as a significant reason for high attrition rates in a city like Bengaluru.

The minister was speaking at the MSME and Employment Opportunities Conclave organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). "I have come across several cases where skilled and qualified employees from tier-two and tier-three regions of Karnataka quit their jobs in Bengaluru and return to their native places because of meagre salaries," said Patil, adding that a person hailing from a town like Kalaburagi cannot survive on a monthly salary of Rs 20,000 in Bengaluru.

When a few industrialists at the event pointed out the shortage of skilled workers, Patil said skilled talented workers deserve respectable salaries. He said MSMEs are the largest employment generators not only in Karnataka, but across the country. "I am not asking MSMEs to match salaries offered by the technology sector, but employees must be paid in accordance with their skills and talent, so that they can live a dignified life in Bengaluru," he said.

Patil assured the industrialists that his department would organise exclusive, sector-specific job fairs to cater to the needs of MSMEs in Karnataka.

MAN MURDERS PARENTS, SIS IN VIJAYANAGARA DIST

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
@ Kotturu/Hosapete

IN a shocking incident, a man allegedly murdered his father, mother and sister in Kotturu town of Vijayanagara district. The incident came to light after the accused went to a police station in Bengaluru to register a missing case of his family members.

The accused has been identified as Akshay Kumar, while the deceased are his father Bhimaraj (50), mother Jayalakshmi alias Jayamma (45) and sister Amrutha (17).

According to the police, the gruesome murders took place three days ago at the family's rented house located in L B Colony on Harapanahalli Road in Kottur. The family, originally from Nayakanahatti village in Chitradurga district, had been living in Kottur for several years after moving there for work.

After allegedly committing the crime, Akshay is said to have buried the bodies inside the same rented house. He then travelled to Bengaluru, where he went to the Tilak Nagar Police Station to lodge a missing persons complaint about his own family, raising suspicion among the police. During questioning, police reportedly grew suspicious and subjected him to further interrogation, following which the accused allegedly confessed to the murders. The motive behind the crime is yet to be ascertained. The accused is being brought back from Bengaluru to Kottur for further investigation. Vijayanagar Superintendent of Police (SP) S Jahnavi, Kudligi DySP Mallesh Doddmani, Circle Inspector, dog squad and fingerprint experts visited the crime scene and are carrying out a detailed investigation. Kottur police are closely examining the case.

Police sources confirmed that lethal weapons were used. They added that the accused said that the bodies were thrown into a canal near Sandur. Jahnavi told TNIE that based on a complaint filed at Tilak Nagar police station of Bengaluru city, police visited and inspected the spot where the crime took place.

Bhimaraj, Jayalakshmi and Amrutha who where allegedly murdered by Akshay Kumar. (Top) Police at the crime scene at Kotturu in Vijayanagara district | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Man survives leopard attack in Gundlupet

Mysuru: A man escaped with injuries after a leopard attacked him in Bommanahalli village of Gundlupet taluk, triggering panic among local residents. The victim has been identified as Rajashekarappa. Sources said he suffered deep injuries on his face and neck. Following the attack, villagers rushed him to a nearby hospital. Doctors said his condition is stable. Soon after the incident, officials from the forest department visited the spot. Preliminary inquiries suggest that leopard movement has increased in Bommanahalli and neighbouring villages during the past few days. Concerned by the threat to their lives, the villagers demanded immediate action from the forest department to capture the animal and ensure their safety. **ENS**

Basava bodies protest against Kaneri seer

Bengaluru: Chaos prevailed at Veerashaiva-Lingayat Global Entrepreneurs' Conclave here on Friday when members of various Basava organisations raised slogans against the Kaneri seer who rose to address the gathering. When the members intensified their protest, security personnel sent them out of the venue. Some protesters alleged that they were forcibly removed from the venue. Basava organisations had announced that they would stage a protest if the seer participated in the conclave. They had urged the district administration and the police to prevent the controversial seer from entering Bengaluru. The organisations are against the seer for his alleged derogatory remarks against Basava followers. According to the organisers, the seer was invited to participate in the conclave between noon and 1 pm. **ENS**

Build skills & begin start-ups: Guv to students

Davanagere: Governor Thawarchand Gehlot on Friday advised students to develop professional skills and begin startups, so that they can take the country on the fast lane of development. Addressing the students during the 13th convocation of the Davanagere University at Shivagangotri premises, he said, In the digital era of artificial intelligence students should develop habit of inculcating the knowledge about data science and advanced technology for starting start-up's. "By the time India celebrates its 100th Independence in 2047, the future of this country will be in the hands of today's graduates. **ENS**

No more tobacco ads on bus stands, buses: Reddy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

MANAGING directors of all four transport corporations of the state were instructed by Karnataka Transport Minister **Ramalinga Reddy** that no direct or indirect advertisements promoting the consumption of tobacco products shall be displayed or promoted on the buses or at the bus stations of transport corporations from now on.

The minister on Friday stated that the decision was in the interest of the public. "A deadline will be given for the removal of any tobacco advertisements already installed on buses or at bus stations."

A few activists on Wednesday tore the advertisements on buses in Majestic and KR Puram that promoted harmful tobacco consumption among the public.

ASI CLAIM ON HAMPI MONUMENT DAMAGE RAISES QUESTIONS

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
@ Hampi/Hosapete

THE recent damage to a pillar at the underground Shiva temple in the Hampi monument complex has triggered controversy, with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Hampi Circle, now facing serious questions over its handling of the incident.

Following reports that a pillar at the protected monument was damaged during restoration work, the ASI submitted a letter to the local police station stating that no such incident had been reported. However, this claim has raised suspicion among heritage activists and members of the public, particularly as photographic evidence of the damage is reportedly available.

Underground Shiva temple monument was damaged during restoration work

Activists have questioned how ASI officials could deny the occurrence of the incident despite the availability of visual documentation. "If there is clear photographic proof, how can the department claim that the incident did not happen?" asked a local heritage conservationist.

In response to growing public concern, social activist Shivakumar T, along with local residents, met Vijayanagara Superintendent of Police (SP) S. Jahnavi and submitted a representation seeking a fair inquiry. The SP assured them that the matter would be examined thoroughly. Sources have confirmed that two ASI staff members associated with the restoration work have been transferred to other locations. Activists have demanded strict action against those responsible, including the suspension of officials involved and the cancellation of the licence of the private contractor allegedly responsible for damaging the temple pillar during restoration activities.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA

No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-1:Tender-58:2025-26 Dated:- 30.01.2026

SHOR TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through KPPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.

Name of work:- Two cover System:- Head of Account 4059-80-051-0-60-132 CMIDP Works:- (1) Improvements to road SH-243 Challakere (N.H.150A) connecting road to Vishwanathahalli (S.H.48) road via Dharamapura (S.H-24), Sakkara, Dwaranakunte, Lakkavvanahalli, Kodihalli, Ikkanuru, Shivanagara, Doddakatte, Pitlali, Nandihalli, Adivala (N.H.48), Hiriyur (N.H.48), Lakkavvanahalli, Seegehatti, Doddaghatta, Katrikenahalli, Kurubarahalli (S.H.24), Bharamagiri (S.H.24) Kakkayyanahatti connecting road from Ch 89.90 to 98.80 km in Hiriyur Taluk of Chitradurga District (WI.32673)

Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-750.00

Tender dates are as mentioned below:Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 13-02-2026 Time: 17.30

Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 16-02-2026 Time: 16.00

Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 17-02-2026 Time: 16.15

Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 19-02-2026 Time: 11.00

Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/635/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD, Chitradurga.

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) –U40109RJ2000SGC016483
Regd. Office: New Power House, Jodhpur- 342003, Phone No: 0291- 2742264
E-mail: seciviljdvvnl@gmail.com, Website : http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl

NIT NO. 20/2025-26

"A" and 'AA' category in Central/State Government departments and JVVNL. Online tenders are invited through e-procurement process for various civil construction works under Jodhpur (9413359193)/ Barmer (9413359455)/ Bikaner (9413359744) from registered tenderers. Details of work, estimated cost, tender fee, process fee, security deposit, date of tender opening and general contract conditions etc. are available on websites **http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl** and **http://sppp.raj.gov.in** and **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.** Intimation of future amendments/period extension, if any **http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl** And **http://sppp.raj.gov.in** Will be published on **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.**

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Raj.Samwad/C/25/18803 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CIVIL)

बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नम्बर 1800 180 6045

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).
A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Vinod Kumar (Deceased) & Sandhya Viswan/ No 30, Kagganur Village Krishnagiri District Hosur Sy No. 112/23 Cdi Hosur- 635109/ LBBNG00002440367	Schedule of Proerty In Kagganur Village of Hosur Taluk Attached To Hosur S.R.D., And Krishnagiri R.D., and District, Patta No: 619 Survey No.112/3C and 112/3d1, Villa No.30, Sarjapur, Bagalur Road, Sevagarnapalli Village, Bagalur Post, Residential Villa No.30 (Thirty), Measuring An Extent of 2400 Sqft, Land And Buildup Area Measuring 3500 Sqft [three Thousand Five Hundred Square Feet), Bearing EB Connection No. Sc-1493, In The Residential Layout Named As "Pushpalok" Vide Hntda Sanction Order No. LP/HNTDA No.66/2010, Duly Sanctioned By Hosur Town Development Authority, Together With All Common Areas Attributed Thereto and Bounded As Follows. East by : Plot No 29 West by : 30 feet wide common Road North by : 30 feet wide common Road South by : Plot No 31 within these boundaries measuring East to West on the Northern side : 40 feet, East to West on the Southern side : 40 feet, North to South on the Eastern side : 60 feet North to South on the Western side : 60 feet TOTAL : 2400 Square Feet of Land and RC Building Measuring an Extent of 3,500 8q Feet	December 12,2025 Rs. 1,79,17,786.60/-	06/02/2021
2.	Vinitha Thittamaranahalli & Jayamma Vandaraguppe Boregowda/ Site No. 1230 Concorde Mistvslley, Kottapalli Eachangur Sy No. 82/2 Hosur-635103/ LBBNG00002114577	Schedule of Property. Schedule A' All That Piece and Parcel of Lands In Sy.no.82/2 of Eachangur Village Along With Other Sy. Nos. and Adjacent Sy.nos.of Eachangur, Chokkanathapuram and Kottapalli Villages, All Are of Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamilnadu. Schedule `B' All That Plece And Parcel of Approved Residential Plot Bearing No.1230 Formed In Sy.No.82/2 of Eachangur Village Morefully Described In Schedule 'A' As Per Approval Norms Of Dtcp, Chennai And The Residential Plot Measuring East By:60'.8"ft West By:59'.6"ft and North By:57'ft South By:53'.3"ft Totally Measuring About 3308.7 Sqft and Situated At Eachangur Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu and Bounded On: East by : Site No.1229 West by : Private Property North by : Road South by : Site No.1219	December 17,2025 Rs. 5,10,852.22/-	08/10/2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: January 31, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Government of India
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II
BSNL Building (Fourth Floor),
Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

(See Sec.25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read with II Schedule to the Income Tax Act 1961)

NOTICE FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION
R.C. No. 521 / 2023 IN O.A. No. 600 / 2021

Between :
Bank of India, Electronic City Branch
... Certificate Holder / Applicant

AND
Mr. Nandeesh .N.S. & Another
... Certificate Debtors / Defendants

1. Mr. Nandeesh .N.S. S/o. Siddaiah
No. 1719/11, 2nd Cross, Nagarbhavi Village,
Near Anjaneya Temple, Bengaluru - 560 072.
2. Mrs. Manasa .B D/o. Boregowda
No. 1719/11, 2nd Cross, Nagarbhavi Village,
Near Anjaneya Temple, Bengaluru - 560 072.

Whereas in execution of certificate **R.C. No. 521 / 2023 in O.A. No. 600 / 2021** issued by the **Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore** the undersigned has ordered the sale of the under mentioned properties.

You are hereby informed that the day on or after the Fifteenth Day from the date of service of this notice has been fixed for drawing up the proclamation of sale and settling the terms thereof, you are requested to bring to the notice of the undersigned any encumbrances, charges, claims or liabilities attaching to the said properties or any portion thereof.

Schedule Property Mortgaged by Defendants

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being an Apartment No. F-406, Forth Floor, in the Residential Apartment Complex Building known as "SAMTRUPTI ENCLAVE" with a super build up area of 1439 Sq.Ft. together with 338 Sq.Ft. of Undivided Share of Right, Title and Interest Constructed on Property bearing BBMP Katha No. 2047/4/31/32/1/35/224/223/195/196, Situated at Padma Upadyaya Layout, Naadevanahalli, Bengaluru in Ward No. 130 of Ulla Sub-Division formed in the Residentially converted Land bearing Sy.No. 31, 32/1 and 35 of Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded as follows : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 197 & Site No. 222, **South by :** Site No. 194 & Site No. 225.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on **13-10-2025.**

Recovery Officer - 1
DRT - 2, Bengaluru.

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
(Ministry of Railways)
(General Manager's Office, Personnel Department,
Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560064)

NOTIFICATION NO.RWF/RC-101/996 DATED 30/01/2026

RECRUITMENT OF SPORTS PERSON TO THE POST IN LEVEL-2 OF RS(RP) RULES, 2016 IN RAIL WHEEL FACTORY FOR THE YEAR 2025-26.

Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, invites applications in the prescribed format from eligible sportspersons for One (01) post to be recruited in Level-2 (GP 1900) of the pay matrix of VII CPC against Sports Quota (Open Advertisement) for the year 2025-26.

AGE: 18-25 years as on 01/01/2026

The details of Sports/Discipline/Game/Event & distribution of post for above recruitment notified are as under:

Sl No.	Name of the Sports Discipline/Game	Event/ Position	No of post in pay Level-2	No. of Sports person
1	Cricket (Men)	Opener/Top order Batsman	01	01
	Total		**01**	**01**

For detailed Notification including minimum Sports norms required and Application Form, visit RWF website **www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in**

Last date for receipt of application is **19/02/2026** for all the candidates except for those candidates residing at far flung areas (as indicated in the Notification) for which the last date of receipt is **26/02/2026.**

Sd/-
PRINCIPAL CHIEF PERSONNEL OFFICER

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No.: SEE/Tr(Op)C-N/EEE/AEE-1/F-93&283 -T6/2025-26/2904 &2915 Date: 30.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites tender through KPP Portal for the following works

Name of Works: (1) Tender No.: KPTCL/2025-26/IND0274 for Supply of Safety Materials required for various sub-stations and TLM Sub-divisions coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (Operation) Circle-North, Bengaluru.

(2) Tender No.: KPTCL/2025-26/IND0275 for Supply of T&P Materials required for various sub-stations and TLM sub-divisions coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (Operation) Circle-North, Bengaluru.

The detailed information regarding participation of tender may be obtained on or after (Sl. No.1) **31.01.2026 and** (Sl. No.2) **02.02.2026** through KPP Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Any additional information shall be obtained from the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elec..)
Transmission (Operations) Circle-North,
KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560024

RBL BANK LTD
Registered Office: 1st Lane, Shahupuri, Kolhapur-416001

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of RBL Bank Ltd has **taken** over **Physical Possession** of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act.
The Authorized Officer of **M/s. RBL Bank Ltd,** had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.
Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit 25% of the sale consideration on the next working day of receipt of Bank's acceptance of offer for purchase of property and the remaining amount within 15 days thereafter.
3. The purchaser has to deposit 10% of the offered amount along with application which will be adjusted against 25% of the deposit to be made as per clause (2) above.
4. Failure to remit the amount as required under clause (2) above, will cause forfeiture of amount already paid including 10% of the amount paid along with application.
5. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount of 10% paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest.
6. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer / Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
7. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
8. In case of more than one offer, the Bank will accept the highest offer.
9. The interested parties may contact the Authorized Officer for further details / clarifications and for submitting their application.
10. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
11. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act / Rules.

SCHEDULE

Loan Account No.	Name of Borrower/Co-borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Reserve price for private treaty
809003131 144	**1. Mr. Chithavadutta Rajanikanth, (Borrower & Mortgagor)** **2. Mrs. Chithavadutta Supriya, (Co-Borrower & Mortgagor)** Both Residing at: No.4-5-60/17, Ist Floor, Saibaba Road, Opposite To IDBI Bank, Koratipadu, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh – 522 007. Also At: H.No.13-43, Anasuyamma Colony, Near Venkateswara Temple, Manopadam Mandalam, Undavalli, Mehboob Nagar, Andhara Pradesh – 500082. Also At: No.451/55/37, Kengeri Vilage, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South, Bangalore – 560060	**Rs.57,31,520.12/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty and Paise Twelve Only)** as on **16th March 2023**	**Rs.27,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Only)**

Description of Secured Assets/Immovable Properties

Composite Schedule A Property All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property being vacant site bearing corporation Katha No.426/715/B/540/2/31/2, No.826/715/A/540/1/31/1 and No.826/715/540/31, situated at Kote, Kengeri, Bengaluru, Kengeri Sub-Division, measuring approximately 16300 Square Feet and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring:East to West : A to H – 89 Feet; B to C: 25 Feet; D to E: 72.7 Feet; F to G: 39 Feet;North to South: A to B: 92 Feet; C to D: 92.11 Feet; E to F: 110.10 Feet; G to H: 77 Feet And bounded as Follows:East by : Road leading to Vrushabhavathi River (Private Property shown as ABCJ in the Sketch; West by : Road and (Private property shown as HGFI in the sketch);North by : Road; South by : Road.

Schedule B Property337.39 Sq.Ft of undivided share, right title and interest in the Schedule A property hereby conveyed by the vendor to the purchaser.

Schedule C Property All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No. A-101 in the First Floor of the project Known as "RF TWLIGHT" built on Schedule A property and apartment measuring 1159.03 Sq.Ft of super built up area and proportionate share in common area such as passages, lobbies, lift, stair case and other areas common use inclusive of balcony and utility areas with one car parking space in the basement floor and includes all rights privileges, appurtenances thereto and bounded on; East by : Common Area; West by : Setback; North by: Flat No.A-102; South by: Common Area.

The aforesaid Borrower's/Co-borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned hereinabove by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank before the sale of secured assets.
Correspondence Address: **MR. BASAVARAJ NAGANURI,** Mob. No. 9740092100 email: Basavaraj.Naganuri@rbl.bank.in, RBL BANK LTD. Prestige Tower, Ground Floor, 99 & 100, Residency Road, Bangalore 560025.

Date:31.01.2026, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, RBL BANK LTD**

The state government on Friday issued orders, appointing Kumar Pushkar as the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife). He will take charge from Prabhash Chandra Ray, who retires on Saturday. Pushkar was earlier posted as Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Administration) and Coordination. Previous to this, he was the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (wildlife)

One-fifth of SSLC students failed in Kannada

Experts point at poor foundation given at primary school level and a shortage of trained language teachers

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

OUT of around 8.42 lakh students who appeared in the 2024-25 SSLC examinations across Karnataka, 1,65,080 failed in the Kannada language paper. Of these, 1,32,175 had Kannada as their first language, 30,913 as second language and 1,992 as third language.

In July 2025, a committee comprising educationists and language experts was formed under Kannada Development Authority (KDA) Chairman Professor Purushotham Bilimalle to study the reason for the students' poor performance in Kannada language examination. The panel is expected to submit a report soon to the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL), along with a set of recommendations.

Bilimalle told *TNIE*, "The reason for so many students failing in Kannada language examination is not revising the syllabus of textbooks, shortage of teachers with language teaching skills and lack of periodical skill training for them.

"Around 25% of the students failed in Kannada language last year in the state board exams. The pass percentage in Mysuru was 68% despite many students speaking Kannada as their mother tongue, whereas in Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Karwar districts, the pass percentage was above 90%. It is surprising that children with Tulu, Beary, Konkani, Gouli and other languages as their mother tongues scored better," the professor said.

About the stark difference in pass percentage between the two districts, Bilimalle said, "Either the Kannada textbooks are not right, or the teaching method is wrong. The state must teach the basics of Kannada in primary schools to strengthen their foundation. Teachers must be trained and assessed for their teaching methods. Only then can we prevent lakhs of students from failing in Kannada language exams."

Niranjan Aardhya, an education expert in the committee, said, "The primary schools face a shortage of teachers with expertise in the language. In many schools, maths, science and social studies teachers are being forced to teach Kannada. Only when trained language teachers are appointed for the role, can we expect the children to have a good foundation in the language, translating into good results in the examinations."

A Kannada teacher at Bannigola in Ballari said, "The reason for so many SSLC students failing in Kannada language is poor learning in primary classes. I teach students from Class 8 to 10. It is surprising that many Class 8 students do not even know how to write their names in Kannada. Therefore, this year, the department has introduced Foundational Literacy and Numeracy (FLN), in which the first two months of language classes will comprise learning letters, two- and three-letter words, and then sentence construction. Despite all these efforts, students still fail in Kannada in SSLC."

Vishnoi learnt drug making while in jail

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EARLIER, in Gujarat, a joint search operation by the Surat police and NCB at the house of Vishnoi in Dastan Residency, Palsana, had led to the recovery of 1.8 kg of opium, Rs 25.6 lakh cash and various chemicals. Three persons, including Vishnoi, who were transporting the drugs for distribution in Rajasthan were arrested, added the agency.

According to NCB, "Vishnoi, who was earlier involved in peddling of opium and smack, had conceived the idea of manufacturing synthetic drugs while he was in jail in connection with an NDPS case. During his incarceration, he learnt the processes, market demand and supply chains of synthetic narcotics, which he operationalised after coming out of jail on bail and set up a clandestine manufacturing unit in Mysuru. The unit in the Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru was identified, and a search on the premises by NCB revealed a full-fledged clandestine lab with sophisticated instruments for the manufacture of drugs. This unit, which was being operated under the guise of manufacturing chemicals for cleaning purposes, was taken on rent by a co-accused and relative of the mastermind, Mahindra Kumar Vishnoi, who has also been arrested," said the NCB. "It is also learnt that the clandestine lab was established in 2024 and successfully manufactured and distributed multiple consignments," it added.

"All the four accused arrested so far in the case belong to Jalore district, Rajasthan. Further investigation is under way to identify other members of the drug cartel and to identify the supply chain of lab equipment and chemicals used in the laboratory," the NCB stated.

Statements by Home Minister Dr G Parameshwar and Mysuru City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar on the recent Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) raid in the Hebbal Industrial Area stand in sharp contrast to the official version released by the central agency on Friday.

Dr Parameshwar said on Friday that the NCB raid on a phenyl manufacturing unit was only a follow-up to a drug seizure in another state and no narcotics manufacturing materials or contraband were found in Mysuru. Latkar too said on Thursday that the inspection was linked to an Ahmedabad drugs case and no machinery or substances related to drug production existed at the unit. But the NCB says the unit in Mysuru was part of a major interstate drug trafficking syndicate. Also, the NCB took Ganapath, a resident of Alanahalli who ran Tuk Tuk Household Chemicals Production Solutions in Hebbal, on a transit warrant obtained from a city court.

The NCB stated, "Considering the increasing use of Mephedrone in India, NCB has circulated Red Flag Indicators about the presence of clandestine labs to various States for sensitisation of field-level officers. NCB has also identified two key chemicals - 2-Bromo-4'-methylpropiophenone and Monomethylamine, which are used in the manufacture of Mephedrone, and urged chemical industries engaged in the manufacture and trade of these chemicals to verify the credentials of purchasers, so that these chemicals are not diverted for illicit purposes of manufacturing mephedrone."

(For information related to the sale of narcotics call MANAS – National Narcotics Helpline Toll -Free Number - 1933)

Maharani's students hit by Freedom Park protests

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

WITH protests being held almost every day at Freedom Park, and agitators making speeches and raising slogans using loudspeakers, students and lecturers of Maharani Cluster University have complained that constant noise is affecting their classes.

Prof Shivapuji Koti, who teaches English to undergraduate and postgraduate students at Maharani Arts and Commerce College, said, "The noise from the protests and announcements over the mic cause disturbance while conducting classes. The issue has been persisting since 2010 when I was appointed to this college. I have written to the higher education department and also informed Minister for Higher Education MC Sudhakar about the noise created by protesters affecting classes. But nothing has been done so far."

He said, "It was worse earlier as protesters came to our campus to use washrooms and dirtied the place. As new railings have been put up on the median, they can't enter the campus now. I have requested the department to shift this protest venue to some other place. Why do it right in front of our campus?"

A Bachelor of Commerce student, requesting anonymity, said, "Teachers scream when they teach us in the class. In fact, we can hear the announcements and speeches made on the mic more clearly than the lecture. They should shift the protest venue to other parts of the city. Reducing the volume too won't help us much. Protests have also increased traffic jams around the campus. Especially during exams, however early we leave our homes, there is always a fear of missing exams as we could be stuck in traffic."

Transport associations urge govt to challenge HC order on bike taxis

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Federation of Private Transport Associations on Friday urged the Karnataka government to challenge the recent High Court order on bike taxi operations by filing a Special Leave Petition (SLP) before the Supreme Court. Representatives of 22 transport associations submitted a memorandum to the Transport Commissioner, expressing concerns over the legal, safety and regulatory implications of the order.

The associations contended that the High Court's direction to consider permits for bike taxis raises serious questions regarding the interpretation of the Motor Vehicles Act and the Central Motor Vehicle Rules. They argued that motorcycles are classified separately from passenger transport vehicles and lack the structural design and safety features required for commercial passenger carriage.

Citing road safety studies, the federation highlighted that two-wheelers account for a significant share of road accidents and fatalities in urban areas, including Bengaluru. They also raised concerns over the absence of passenger protection mechanisms, enforcement challenges, and public health issues associated with shared helmet use.

The memorandum stated that transport regulation involves policy decisions related to safety, traffic management and enforcement feasibility, which fall within the executive domain. The associations further maintained that transport permits are statutory privileges and not fundamental rights, and that refusal of permits cannot be construed as a violation of Article 19(1)(g).

The federation also objected to reliance on a Central government clarification, stating that it is advisory in nature and not binding on States. They urged the government to seek an interim stay on the High Court order and defend the State's transport policy framework in the interest of public safety.

The federation assured full cooperation with the government and called for a comprehensive policy review before permitting bike taxi operations.

SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANAGERE AND CHITRADURGA DIST CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,
Machenahalli, Nidige Post, Shivamogga – 577 222

IFT:No:SDCMUL/PUR/E.Proc/Tender-281E/5994/2025-26 Date: 28.01.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Through GOK E-Procurement Portal only - Logon to: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Shivamogga, Davanagere and Chitradurga Dist Co-Operative Milk Producer's Societies Union Ltd., invites in two tender document system i.e. technical and commercial system from the manufactures or from interested eligible bidders for supply of following materials.

SN	Particulars	Qty	EMD in ₹
1	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of S30 Grade plantation white sugar to Shivamogga Dairy.	75,000 Kg	62,060/-
2	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Cashew Splits to Shivamogga Dairy.	1,200 Kg	29,000/-
3	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Bengal Gram Dal (Channa Dal) to Shivamogga Dairy.	8,000 Kg	20,900/-
4	Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Glucono Delta Lactone (GDL) to Shivamogga dairy.	4000 Kg	17,100/-

1. Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement/KPPP Portal of GOK from : 31.01.2026
2. Last date for uploading the filled Tender documents : on or before 07.02.2026 up to 16.00 Hours
3. Date of opening of Technical Tender : 09.02.2026 at 16.30 Hours
5. Date of opening of Commercial Tender : 10.02.2026 at 16.30 Hours

The bidder may download the tender documents with the Technical Specification, terms & conditions of the tender by paying e-portal fees. The details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by login to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Any additional information regarding tender may be obtained from **Deputy Manager (Purchase) during office hours, e-mail id :dmpur.shimul@gmail.com contact nos: 08182-246161, Mob: 7760971951.**

Sd/- Managing Director

KUVEMPU UNIVERSITY
Office of the Registrar, Vishwavidyalaya Karyalaya, Jnana Sahyadri, Shankaraghatta-577 451, e-mail- eekuvempu@gmail.com, Phone:08282-257078

NO/KU/ENGG/EE/DM/TEND/827/2025-26 Date: 28-01-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement system)

Item wise tenders are invited from eligible registered contractors in two cover system for the works as detailed below. The tenderers are required to submit the tenders only through KPPP portal of Government of Karnataka **http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl No.	Name of work	Amount put to tender in Rs.	Amount of EMD in Rs.
1	Construction of lower and ground floor ladies hostel rooms, dining hall, kitchen, toilet block etc., at Kuvempu University campus Shivamogga, for Kuvempu University, Shankaraghatta, Shivamogga district, Karnataka. (Block-1). KVU/2025-26/BD/WORK-INDENT11	1,01,51,016	2,00,000

1) Pre bid Meeting date and time : **02-02-2026 at 11.00 AM. 2)** The Last Date for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **03-02-2026 upto 5.00 PM. 3)** The Last Date for receipt of tenders: **04-02-2026 upto 5.00 PM. 4)** The Date for Opening of Technical Bids: **06-02-2026 at 11.00 AM. 5)** The Date for Opening of Financial Bids : **07-02-2026 at 11.00 AM**

DIPR/SMG/No-200-01/zenkar/2025-26 **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority
No. 5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 009
Tel : 080 22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No: BMICAPA/CLU-03/102/2024-25/2465 Date 27.01.2026

PUBLICATION
(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Sri. Ashok S/o Late Marigowda has applied to this Authority seeking Change of land use from **"Agriculture"** Zone to **"Residential"** purpose pertaining to Sy.No:147/7 extent of OAcre-03.04Guntas, of Hampapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Srirangapatna Taluk under Sec 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961 (Intention to build own residential building). The foresaid lands are reserved for **Agriculture zone** in approved Master plan. Applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following;

1. At the time of construction of building, there will be job opportunities to labourers.
2. By development of building the Government will get taxes in various forms.

Objections, if any, are invited from the public, any person may file his/her objection to Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bengaluru in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 15 days from this notice. Any objections received after stipulated time will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary
B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/5306/AKAR/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that we are examining the title to the property described in the Schedule below **("Schedule Property")** in the hands of its Owner, Mrs. **V. M. PADMAVATHI,** W/o. V. Muralidhar, residing at No. 90, First Floor, 3rd 'B' Cross, Sunrise Layout, Begur-Koppa Road, Hullahalli, Bangalore – 560 083.

Any person or persons other than the owner named above having any claim or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof in any manner is/are required to forward their claim/s on or to the property, to the undersigned at their office along with the relevant documents thereof, within ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notice in this newspaper. In the absence of any claims within the above said period it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived and the sale will be executed in my client's favour without any further reference in this regard.

Notice is also hereby given to the general public that the following original title document with respect to the Schedule Property is lost and anybody transacting in respect of the Schedule Property with any person other than Owner shall be doing so at their own risk and the Owner shall not be responsible for the same in any manner. Any person/s locating/ finding the aforesaid documents may kindly deliver the same at the address given below.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of residential Property bearing **Municipal No. 314/7, old No. 314, E PID No.1354538862, old PID No. 58-184-7,** situated at 7th Main, 5th Cross, Marenahalli Tank Bed Area, 9th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 041, measuring **East to West: 18 feet and North to South: 20 feet, site area measuring 360 square feet along with Ground, First, Second & Third floors measuring 1200 square feet** of built-up area and bounded on the; East by : Road; West by : Property bearing No. 271; North by : Property bearing No. 313; and South by : Road;

Mrs. S. Prathibha Advocate **Mrs.V M PADMAVATHI** (Owner)
No.88, 23rd Cross, 3rd Block East Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 011
Ph: 9845149728 prathibharavi@gmail.com

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH, No.11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trust Well Hospital, JC Road, Bengaluru - 560 002, Phone: 080- 25943678, 25943663, Email: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
Appendix – IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E-Auction sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DATE & TIME OF AUCTION: 26.02.2026 Time: 6 Hours From 10.00 A.M to 4.00 P.M, with unlimited extension of ten minutes

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Mortgagor in particular that the **below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the actual physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 26.02.2026 for recovery of Rs. 2,86,81,206/- (Rupees Two Crore Eighty Six Lakh Eighty One Thousand Two Hundred Six only.) as on 29.01.2026 And further interest from 30.01.2026 at contractual rate with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc,due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the Borrower M/s. MEDIT INDIA SURGICCAL COMPANY, (For A/c No. 43037422692) Partner's: 1. Sri Sunil Shetty S/o Sri. HB Prakash Shetty, 2. Smt. Vinitha Sampath W/o Sri. Sampath CK,** Office @: No. 25/1, Hullally Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru -560083, **1. Sri Sunil Shetty S/o Sri. HB Prakash Shetty, #** 1822, 1st Main, K-Block, Kuvempu Nagar, Mysore- 570023, **2. Smt. Vinitha Sampath W/o Sri. Sampath CK, #** 02, Lucas Lay out, Mylasandra, Begur Hobli Bengaluru- 560078, **Mortgager: Sri. Ananth Ramakrishnan S/o MA Ramakrishnan, #** Villa 34, Bellezea, Narayanaghatta Circle, Muthanallur post, Bengaluru- 560099. The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable property to be sold will be as under:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY : TENDER NO. SBI/SARB/2025-26/174
Property– (Title deed holder: Sri. Ananth Ramakrishnan S/o MA Ramakrishnan)
Property ID: SBIN200085598855
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:- All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site. No. 19, formed in converted Survey No. 321/2, after Hissa pode re survey No. 321/2B, Converted for Residential purpose and approved by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District. Vide his Order No. B.DIS.ALN. SR.(S)114/2003-04, dated 10.07.2003, VP Katha No. 743, Situated at Begur Village (Akshaya Nagar) Begur hobli Bangalore South Taluk Bangalore and Measuring East to West: 50 Feet, and North to South: 68+76/2 feet, Totally Measuring 3600 Sqft. together with all rights appurtenances Whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the. **East by:** Site No. 18, **North by:** Site No. 16, **West by:** Site No. 20, **South by:** Road.

Reserve Price : RS. 2,64,10,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Four Lakh Ten Thousand Only)
EMD: RS. 26,41,000/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Forty One Thousand Only)
Bid Increment :RS. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)

Terms and Conditions of the E-auction(s) are as under:
E-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS" BASIS and will be conducted "Online". The auction will be conducted through the web portal of PSB Alliance Pvt Limited i.e. https://baanknet.com. Tender Document containing online e-auction bid form, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in https://baanknet.com.and www.sbi.co.in To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the assets. However, intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the assets put on auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the assets, prior to submitting their bids. The Authorised Officer has taken physical possession of the asset 14.10.2025 The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The assets are being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorised Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third-party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.sbi.co.in and https://baanknet.com.
For further details regarding inspection of the properties the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer: Sri. Narasimha Murthy.M, Mob: 9962629198, as mentioned above or Bank's Approved Resolution Agent, Debt Recovery Squad, Bangalore or its representative's Mr. M Z KHAN, Mob: 98458 74789 or Mr. NAYAZ BAIG, Mob: 98455 29931

Place: Bangalore
Date: 29.01.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA, STRESSED ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH, BANGALORE

UJVN LIMITED
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website:www.ujvnl.com

Letter No: 82 Date: 29/01/2026

e- Notice No.: 01/DGM(CD-II)/ICB/Lakhwar MPP/2025-26
Expression of Interest

UJVN Limited invites Expressions of Interest (EoI) from reputed National and International consultancy firms for providing consultancy services for "Optimization of the present shear zone treatment methodology and its improvisation for the Lakhwar Multipurpose Project (MPP)".

Lakhwar Multipurpose Project (MPP) (300 MW) involves the construction of a 204 m high concrete gravity dam above the deepest foundation level, with a top width of 10 m. A shear zone comprising clay gouge with crushed zone on either side having thickness of about 5 – 6 m on either side, dipping upstream at an angle of approximately 45°, with thickness varying from a few centimeters to about 2.0 m, has been identified in the downstream area of the dam, particularly in the stilling basin region. This passes about 55 m to 70m below the dam foundation. The shear zone treatment works at the project are presently under progress. The selected consultancy firm shall be required to review, assess, and suggest optimized and improved methodologies for ongoing and future shear zone treatment works.

Necessary details of the project & scope of services can be downloaded by the interested parties from Nigam website **https://ujvnl.uk.gov.in** and the Government e-Tender portal **https://uktenders.gov.in.** The interested parties are advised to visit the project site to familiarize themselves with the site conditions for submission of a technically sound and effective proposal.

Firms submitting technically sound and feasible proposals shall be shortlisted and invited to make a presentation at the Corporate Office of UJVN Limited, UJJWAL, Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun. After evaluation, eligible firms shall be invited to submit Technical and Financial Bids through the Government e-Tender portal **https://uktenders.gov.in.**

The Expression of Interest must be submitted online on **https://uktenders.gov.in.** up to **21.02.2026** at 15:00 hrs, failing which the EoI shall not be accepted. Additionally, the hard copy of the proposal must reach the office of Deputy General Manager (CD-II), UJVN Limited, 5th Floor, UJJWAL, GMS Road, Dehradun, on or before **24.02.2026** at 15:00 hrs.

UJVN Limited reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EoI's without assigning any reason thereof. For full & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal **https://uktenders.gov.in.**

Dy. General Manager (CD-II)
UJVN Limited, Dehradun

"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrowers(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred till the date of payment and/or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	32509630000089 32509630000702 & 32509410000817	1) Mrs. Mahalakshmi T B, 2) Mr. Balaraju	20.11.2025 Rs.19,06,107/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Six Thousand One Hundred Seven Only) due as on 17-11-2025	Date: 29-01-2026 Time: 01:25 PM Symbolic Possession

Description of the Property: All that piece and immovable property bearing Residential Site No.25 & 26 (Twenty Five & Twenty Six) and formed sites in Property No.61/60 (Sixty One Sub Sixty), Khatha No.590 (Five Hundred and Ninety), Measuring East to West 60 (Sixty) Feet and North to South 30 (Thirty) Feet in total measuring 1800 (One Thousand Eight Hundred) Sq.feet of Vacant site, situated at Gundur Village Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560049, which is **Bounded on the: East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Site No.27 (Twenty Seven), **North by:** Site No.38 & 39 (Thirty Eight & Thirty Nine) belongs to Mrs. Vijaya Thyagarajan, **South by:** 25 feet wide Road.

Whereas the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 31.01.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my client Sri.Prithvi Raj S, residing at #37, 2nd cross, Opp Anjaneya Temple, Jambusavari Dinne, Bangalore South - 560076. My client is the absolute owner of Site Property No.70 & Portion of Property No.71 out of Property No.50, measuring East to West: 38 feet and North to South: 38 & 39 feet respectively totally measuring 1452 Square feet and situated at Basavanapura Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. My client has lost original 1) Unregistered GPA dated 11.07.2007, executed by Sri.R.Muniraju in favour of Sri.Munivenkatappa and 2) Sale Deed dated 20.04.2011, executed by Sri.R.Muniraju rep by his GPA Holder Sri.Munivenkatappa in favour of Sri.Ramanjaneya, registered as Document No.442/2011-12 of Book-I, stored in CD No.BGRD81 in the office of the sub registrar Begur and 3) Sale Deed dated 18.06.2011, executed by Sri.Ramanjaneya in favour of Sri.P.Shankar, registered as Document No.1972/2011-12 of Book-I, stored in CD No.BGRD90 in the office of the sub registrar Begur and 4) Sale Deed dated 12.05.2011, executed by Sri.R.Muniraju rep by his GPA Holder Sri.Munivenkatappa in favour of Sri.Venkatesh, registered as Document No.984/2011-12 of Book-I, stored in CD No.BGRD84 in the office of the sub registrar Begur and 5) Sale Deed dated 11.07.2011, executed by Sri.Venkatesh in favour of Sri.S.Anil Kumar, registered as Document No.2703/2011-12 of Book-I, stored in CD No.BGRD94 in the office of the sub registrar Begur and 6) Sale Deed dated 19.01.2013, executed by Sri.S.Anil Kumar in favour of Sri.P.Shankar, registered as Document No.9608/2012-13 of Book-I, stored in CD No.BGRD191 in the office of the sub registrar Begur and My client has lost the above mentioned original Documents while shifting office and the same is not traceable even after his best efforts. In this regard my client has lodged Online Police Complaint Vide Lost Report No.2035433/2026, dated 30.01.2026, If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the below said address within 10 days.

Chandrika P. Shetty, Advocate,
No.22, Ground Floor, Near Yediyur Lake, Kanakapura Main Road, B'lore-04.

The Konni police on Friday arrested a man for allegedly setting his house on fire following a dispute with his wife at Kollanpady, Pathanamthitta. The accused is identified as Siju who hails from Vakayar. His wife Rajani and their children, Pranav and Praveena, suffered burn injuries in the incident

T'gana emerges as South India's new tourism hub

ENS @Chennai

TELANGANA is becoming India's newest gateway to south India, said Dilleshwari Ayana, an official from the Project Monitoring Unit, Telangana Tourism, during the Tourism Summit 2026 on Friday.

Terming Hyderabad as the heart of Telangana and south India, she said it's a city that shaped history under the reign of important dynasties such as the Qutb Shahis and the Nizams. "A global centre for culture and wealth, the legacy lives on in the majestic Golconda Fort and the iconic Charminar", Ayana said, adding Falaknuma Palace stands as one of the most exquisite luxury hotels on the planet. Once home to one of the Nizams, it offers a glimpse into royal life.

Ayana further said Hyderabad is recognised by UNESCO as a Creative City of Gastronomy, and is famous for its biryani and haleem. It also offers unique night-time shopping experiences. Warangal, a historic destination near Hyderabad, is known for its monuments and forts, while the state is also home to the Buddhist circuit and Nagarjuna Sagar, she said.

From discord to outreach: Tharoor back at Cong core

KS SREEJITH @T'Puram

RAHUL Gandhi's truce with **Shashi Tharoor** appears to have been driven by clear considerations. With crucial elections ahead, the Congress could not afford a setback in the form of Tharoor joining another political party. Such a move would have raised questions about Congress' ability to accommodate dissenting voices in a democratic setup. The party could also not afford a prolonged public spat among senior leaders, which would have reinforced the narrative of internal disunity.

Taking into consideration Tharoor's strong personal brand and cross-party appeal, and credibility, the leadership realised that marginalising him risked alienating urban, English-speaking, middle-class voters the Congress was trying to win back.

As Kerala remains one of Congress' few remaining strongholds, any open confrontation involving Tharoor was seen as damaging the party's prospects. Moreover, amid criticism that dissenting voices are being sidelined, accommodating Tharoor helps Rahul project openness to internal debate and alternative views within the party. In the assessment of Rahul's associates, while Tharoor had expressed differences, he stopped short of outright defiance or rebellion.

The high command also realised that the incident involving the perceived slight of Tharoor had created a favourable sentiment for the Thiruvananthapuram MP, making reconciliation easier. On Tharoor's part, as it occupies a centrist position in politics, the Congress offers flexibility and a place more comfortable than any other political party. Having long brushed aside any idea of shifting to the saffron fold, his first option was always to continue in the party.

The 37th edition of Devi Awards organised by The New Indian Express honoured 12 remarkable woman achievers in Chennai on Friday. (Bottom row from left) Lakshmi Menon, CEO, TNIE; Aysha Rau; Vino Supraja, Muthamilselvi Narayanan; Dr Soumya Swaminathan; G Santhi; Suhasini Maniratnam; (Top row from left) Dr Thara Srinivasan; Mary Susanna Turcotte; Thulasimathi Murugesan; Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, TNIE; chief guest Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman and Managing Director of TAFE Limited; Deborah Thiagarajan; K Vaidiyanathan, Editor, Dinamani; and Mohana Sundari | PJAWAHAR

Honouring 12 Devis who led with purpose, rewrote rules

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

AN evening dedicated to celebrating excellence, honouring inspiration, and placing the power of women firmly in the spotlight unfolded in Chennai on Friday, as *TNIE* hosted the 37th edition of the Devi Awards. At the event, the spotlight shone on women whose courage, compassion and conviction have quietly but decisively transformed lives, institutions and communities across Tamil Nadu.

From ecology and science to sport, social justice and everyday heroism, the awards honoured 12 remarkable women who have rewritten rules and challenged long-held stereotypes.

The awards were presented by Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman and Managing Director of TAFE Limited, whose presence underscored the evening's focus on leadership rooted in purpose and sustainability.

Opening the evening at ITC Grand Chola, Lakshmi Menon, CEO, TNIE, set the tone with a stirring address. This year's list of awardees reflected that very diversity of contribution and courage. Environmentalist Jayshree Vencatesan was honoured for her tireless work in wetland conservation. Theatre practitioner Aysha Rau, and museologist and founder of Dakshina Chitra Deborah Thiagarajan for their work in the field of Art.

Paediatrician Dr Soumya Swaminathan was awarded for her global contributions to public health, while psychiatrist Dr Thara Srinivasan of SCARF received award for her work in mental healthcare. Badminton paralympian Thulasimathi Murugesan was honoured for embodying grit and determination on and off the court.

G Santhi, a staff nurse at the Institute of Child Health, Chennai, was awarded for her service, while Mohana Sundari, an auto driver, was awarded for challenging gender stereotypes in public transport. Mountaineer Muthamilselvi Narayanan was honoured for scaling literal and metaphorical peaks. Actor Suhasini received the Devi of Transformation award for her enduring impact on cinema and culture, designer Vino Supraja was named Devi of Style, and social activist Mary Susanna Turcotte received award for amplifying marginalised voices.

Free floating Bangladeshis a headache for law agencies

JOSE K JOSEPH @Kochi

WHEN police picked him up on Thursday, the Bangladeshi national had already spent about two years in Kerala - working quietly in Ernakulam, living unnoticed, and surviving without a single valid document.

His arrest, however, raises a question police officers admit they grapple with daily: Is he the only Bangladeshi national illegally working in the state? The answer, they say, is an obvious no. Last year, Ernakulam Rural Police launched a special drive-Operation Clean-to identify illegal immigrants, particularly those blending in with the state's massive migrant workforce. In January alone, the drive led to the arrest of 27 Bangladeshi nationals from the Paravur area, many of them found in possession of forged Aadhaar cards and other fake Indian documents. It was one of the biggest crackdowns of its kind in the district.

But after that major operation, such arrests have become fewer, not because the problem has disappeared, but because the challenges have multiplied. Ernakulam district alone hosts over three lakh migrant workers. Intelligence agencies suspect that among them are Bangladeshi nationals who crossed the border illegally and later procured forged identity documents to secure work and accommodation. Police officers admit that special drives can flush out many such cases-but identifying, prosecuting, and deporting them is a far more complicated process.

Ghee adulteration case: No clean chit from SIT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tirumala

TIRUMALA Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Board of Trustees Chairman BR Naidu on Friday accused the YSRCP of misleading devotees by claiming that the SIT had given a "clean chit" in the case of adulterated ghee used in the preparation of the sacred Srivari Laddu Prasadam during the previous regime. Naidu warned of stringent action against those responsible for tarnishing the sanctity of TTD.

He asserted that the SIT chargesheet established adulteration, with laboratory reports confirming the presence of animal fat in ghee samples. He revealed that nearly 60 lakh kg of adulterated ghee worth Rs 250 crore was procured, which was used in preparing about 20 crore laddus, amounting to what he described as a grave desecration of Tirumala's sanctity.

The TTD Chairman alleged that irregularities occurred in the tender process.

Mumbai Building Repairs & Reconstruction Board
A Regional Unit of (Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority) — म्हाडा MHADA

Email: eed3mhada@gmail.com
Ref No. EE/D-3/MBR&RB/e-Tender/E-o8358507 Date 30/01/2026

e-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Engineer, Zone-II, Executive Engineer, D3, Mumbai Building Repairs & Reconstruction Board (A unit of MHADA), 89-95, "Rajani Mahal", Tardeo Road, Mumbai-400034, through the process of e-tendering invites digitally signed & unconditional online "C-1" open E-Tender from prospective bidders eligible **as per the "Post Qualification Criteria" and terms and conditions mentioned in the tender** for the following work. **Location:** Proposed Development of Transit Accommodation for Working Women on Plot Bearing C.S. no. 4/725(part) Nav-Maharashtra Nagar, M.P Mill Compound, Tardeo, Mumbai in D-3 Ward. **Estimated Cost Put To Tender (Excluding GST)**: ₹63,72,09,269. **Payable Built Up Area (Sq.m):**13298.91 **EMD** 1% of **Estimated Cost:**₹63,72,093.**S.D.2% of Estimated Cost: (1% Initially and 1% through Bill)** ₹1,27,44,185**. Time Limit In Months:** 30 months (including monsoon). **Eligible Category To Purchase The Tender:** As per "Post Qualification Criteria" and terms & conditions mentioned in the tender. The complete bidding process will be online (e-tendering) in two bids system. All further notifications/information and detailed terms and conditions regarding this tender notice hereafter will be published online on website **https://mahatenders.gov.in** Corrigendum/Addition of any will be published on the website only.

R.V. Shinde
Executive Engineer D-3 Divn,
M.B.R.& R. Board

CPRO/A/53

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its **Administrative Office** at **No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001** and one of the Branch Offices at **B.M.Road, 316 I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571511, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **22-10-2025** followed by Paper Publication Dated **19-11-2025** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) M/s. AZP Silks, No.43C, 2nd Block, 8th Main Road, Kothipura, Ramanagara- 562159. No.2) Mr. Tajammul Pasha (Also the Legal heir of Late Azam Pasha), S/o. Late Azam Pasha, No.141.1, 23 Ward, Tippu Nagar,Universal School, Ramanagara - 562159. Also At, Mr. Tajammul Pasha (Also the Legal heir of Late Azam Pasha), S/o. Late Azam Pasha, No.12-2-43C, Tippu Masjid Road, Near Tippu Masjid Shadi Mahal, Tippu nagar, Ramanagara- 562159. No.3) Mrs. Misba Farheen, W/o. Tajammul Pasha, No.141.1,23 Ward, Tippu Nagar, Universal School, Ramanagara- 562159. No.4) Mrs. Mazhar Jan (Also the legal heir of late Azam Pasha), W/o. Late Azam Pasha, No. 12-2-43C, Tippu Masjid Road, Near Tippu Masjid Shadi Mahal, Tippu Nagar, Ramanagara- 562159. No.5) Mr. Tousif Pasha (Also the Legal heir of Late Azam Pasha), S/o. Late Azam Pasha, No.12-2-43C, Tippu Masjid Road, Near Tippu Masjid Shadi Mahal, Tippu Nagar, Ramanagara- 562159. No.6) Ms. Shaista Mazhar (Also the Legal heir of Late Azam Pasha), D/o. Late Azam Pasha, No.12-2-43C, Tippu Masjid Road, Near Tippu Masjid Shadi Mahal, Tippu Nagar, Ramanagara- 562159. No.7) Ms. Arshiya Tabassum (Also the Legal heir of Late Azam Pasha), D/o. Late Azam Pasha, No.12-2-43C, Tippu Masjid Road, Near Tippu Masjid Shadi Mahal, Tippu Nagar, Ramanagara - 562159** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.80,09,144/- (Rupees Eighty Lakh Nine Thousand One Hundred and Forty Four only)** within **60 days** from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **13-10-2025** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 28th day of January 2026.

The borrowers above named in Particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.82,99,097/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand and Ninety Seven only)** and interest thereon from **13-01-2026** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A
Property -1 : (Property Owned by Mrs. Mazhar Jan, Mr. Tajammul Pasha, Mr. Tousif Pasha, Ms. Arshiya Tabassum & Ms. Shaista Mazhar, Legal heirs of Late Azam Pasha)

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Kaneshumari No.564/416/469/38, PID No. 12-2-519-43C, Measuring : East to West 60 feet and North to South 65 feet, Totally Measuring 3,900 Sq.ft. situated at Kothipura Amanikere, Ward No. 23, Ramanagara. Bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property of Syed Abdul Khuddus, North by : Site by Lingaiah, South by : Property of Susheelama.

Place : Bengaluru-Ramanagara, Date : 28-01-2026 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History
(South India Centre of Wildlife Institute of India, MoEFCC, Govt. of India), Anaikatty, Coimbatore - 641 108

Advt. No. SACON/RES/ RCTMT-ADVT-02&03/2026

The Sálim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (WII-SACON), wishes to engage **Project Associate-I (03)** (Indian Nationals only) on temporary basis. For further information, please refer www.sacon.in/careers.

Head of Office

BEFORE THE HON'BLE MOTOR ACCIDENT CLAIMS TRIBUNAL, ALAPPUZHA
O.P (M.V) No. 292/2022

(1) Yesodhara,
W/o. Ramachandran, Yadulayam Colony No. 113, Thottappally, Purakkad, Alappuzha
(2) Ramachandran,
S/o. Pennamma, do- do
(3) Anujamol. R,
D/o. Ramachandran, do - do

2nd Respondent
P. Lakshmi,
W/o. R. Periyasamy,
No. 7 RC Complex 206 261,
SG Mutt Road, Chamrajpet, Bangalore

Notice to 2nd Respondent

That the above case was filed by the petitioners for the death of Yaduraj. R in a motor vehicle accident occurred on 26.06.2020. the said petition is posted to 11/02/2026 at 11 am before this Tribunal for the appearance of the 2nd respondent either in person or through pleader or agent and to submit objection if any, failing which the above petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Alappuzha,
19.01.2026 **JOSE Y JAMES**
Counsel for the Petitioners

VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA
PO- Engineering College Burla (Siddhi Vihar), Dist-Sambalpur, Odisha-768018, India
Website :www.vssut.ac.in. E-mail: registrar@vssut.ac.in,
Ph: (0663)2430573, Fax-2430592

No.: VSSUT/ME/25(A)/2026 Date: 27.01.2026

TENDER CALL NOTICE

14001/1/2526: Sealed bids, in two separate covers (technical bid and Price bid) are invited from original manufacturers/authorized suppliers/ authorized dealers for the supply of 4 Channel FFT Analyzer and Accessories for the **Dept. of Mechanical Engineering"**, VSSUT, Burla, Sambalpur, Odisha. The tenders shall reach the office of the undersigned through **Speed/Registered post /**Courier services only on or before **26/02/2026 up to 5.00PM.**

For more details, please visit our university website www.vssut.ac.in. The authority the reserve right to accept or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

OIPR- 14001/14072/1/25-26/0001 **Sd/- REGISTRAR**

WESTERN RAILWAY
Material Management Department
VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/06/2026 Date 28.01.2026

S.N.	Short Description of items	Quantity	T.O.D.
51	Running contract of One Year for Supply of 1 in 8.5 CMS Crossing for BG 60E1 Rail section and R260 Grade on PSC Sleepers to RDSO Drg. No.T-4967	50 Set	03-Mar-26
52	Hand Brake Cable Assembly	1408 Nos	02-Mar-26
53	Drug Eluting Coronary Stent System	200 Nos	27-Feb-26
54	Running Contract for One Year for supply of HVN-66 insulating Cut Liner as per RDSO Drawing No. T-10233 to T-10234 & T- 10236 to 10237	200300 Set	27-Feb-26
55	Isolated sleeper for P&Cs : Item (A)Scissor cross over portion as per RDSO drg. No. T-8109. Item (B) 1 in 8.5 single slip diamond crossing as per RDSO drg. No T-6493. Item (C)1 in 8.5 double slip diamond crossing as per RDSO drg.No T- 6494	2906.72 Mtr	27-Feb-26
56	High Capacity Thermoplastic Polyster Elastomeric	7321 Nos	25-Feb-26
57	Set of Insulating Hose Pipes (PTFE Tubes)	83 Nos	23-Feb-26

Regarding detailed notice EMD, Purchase restrictions and detailed tender conditions, please visit website **www.ireps.gov.in and wr.indianrailways.gov.in.** 1067

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ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET
[See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable asset(s)

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	S K Fruits (Borrower) Mr. Sadiq Syed, Mrs. Nusrath Bano, (Guarantors) Mr. Sadiq Syed (Mortgagors) Loan Account Number 141605011807	All that part and parcel of the property bearing municipal old No. 119, Assessment No. 2067/119, E katha (PID No.) No. 21-1-513-61A2N measuring East to West 9.14 Mtr. and North to South 15.24 Mtr. in total measuring 139.4 Sq. Mtr. situated at No. 61A2N, 4th Cross, Block 1, Ward No. 21, RMC Yard, BM Road, Channapatna Town and Ramanagara Dist. Bounded By: On the North by: Site No. 118 On the South by: Site No. 120 On the East by: APMC Road, On the West by: Site No. 70 Note: It is the sole responsibility of the successful buyer to get the NOC from the APMC, Channapatna.	Rs. 57,09, 153.18/- (as on January 02, 2026).	Rs. 56,00, 000/- / Rs. 5,60, 000/-	February 05, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	February 17, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (URL Link- https://assets.matexauctions.com) of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Private Ltd. The Mortgagors/ Noticees are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by February 16, 2026 before 04:00 PM. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.

The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before February 16, 2026 by 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before February 16, 2026 by 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before February 16, 2026 by 05:00 PM Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at Bangalore.

For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No. 7304918084/8008999536.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : January 31, 2026
Place: Bangalore (Ramanagara)

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 07.03.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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EDITORIAL

Education is what makes a person fearless, teaches him the lesson of unity, makes him aware of his rights and inspires him to struggle for his rights

Bhimrao Ambedkar

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— Ramnath Goenka

CAMPUS EQUITY RULES MUST BE SHARPENED, BUT NOT AS DEMANDED

IN suspending the University Grants Commission's new regulations to promote equity in higher education institutions, the Supreme Court has halted a reform initiated by itself. In February 2025, a month after the top court ordered UGC to revise the 2012 rules addressing caste-based discrimination, the education regulator released a draft for public consultation. The new regulations promulgated on January 13 incorporated several suggested changes, including recognising prejudice against other backward classes and removing penalty for false complaints, which might deter students from coming forward. The need for revision was felt because neither the earlier rules nor the laws meant to prevent atrocities against members of lower castes and tribes were effective in dealing with on-campus discrimination.

One of the main objections to the new rules—that anti-caste discrimination be broadened to include those against higher castes—has *prima facie* logic on its side despite the harsh lived reality of most of India. But experts have pointed out that the narrowness alleged is addressed in Clause 3(e) that includes discrimination on grounds of "religion, race, caste, gender, place of birth, disability, or any of them". It's also true that in a country still smarting from the violence unleashed by the Mandal Commission reforms, it would have been more prudent to first make a strong case for such reforms rather than taking the lesson of reality for granted.

There are, however, other ways the rules can be sharpened. Expansion of the definition of discrimination to comprise "any distinction, exclusion, limitation, or preference" is welcome; but without offences specified it remains prone to misuse. HEIs must be defined in a broader manner to include IITs and IIMs as well as standalone institutes issuing diplomas. Clause 8(c) must be tightened so that an equity committee cannot pass on a case if it deems another panel can deal with it better—the kind of loophole that has weakened the work of committees addressing sexual harassment on campus.

It cannot be lost on policymakers that the seeds of prejudice are sown far before a student enters college. Sensitisation programmes of the sort the UGC rules mandate must also be made compulsory in schools, adapted with innovative design to attract and train impressionable minds. If it's not taken up as a national mission aimed at a younger age, we would continue to need prohibitory regulations for the later years.

KERALA PICKS OPTICS OVER FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

FOR Kerala Finance Minister K N Balagopal, the final budget before the assembly elections was expected to be a high-wire act. While the state's frail economy demanded that he be prudent, political compulsions required him to be populist. So unsurprisingly, instead of consolidating the fragile recovery he had carefully charted over the past few years, Balagopal chose to wobble at a critical moment, conceding ground to electoral pressures. The decision to announce a new pay commission, in particular, risks derailing hard-won fiscal gains. Another blow would be the assured pension scheme ensuring 50 percent of the last basic pay as the maximum pension.

The budget arithmetic is precarious and is premised on highly optimistic revenue assumptions. The estimates for the state's own tax revenue as well as its share in central taxes and duties appear ambitious, especially when juxtaposed against the figures for the current fiscal. The budget speech leaned heavily on the narrative of "central neglect". By attributing fiscal stress to reduced borrowing limits and a shrinking share of central taxes, the minister framed the crisis as a struggle for federal rights rather than a consequence of structural imbalances within the state's finances.

The warning signs are visible in the numbers. Salaries, pensions and interest payments together account for a staggering 76.66 percent of the total revenues in 2025-26 and are projected at 71.38 percent in 2026-27. This leaves little room for manoeuvre. It's a given that as committed expenditure rises, the flexibility to spend on development, capital investment and growth-oriented sectors shrinks.

To his credit, Balagopal has formally adhered to fiscal discipline. Despite enhanced welfare spending, the deficit has been pegged at 3.4 percent, lower than the 3.78 percent estimated for the current year. Kerala's debt-to-GSDP ratio, now at 33.44 percent, has also improved from a high of 38.47 percent in 2021. This consolidation, however, remains fragile and heavily contingent on revenue buoyancy and expenditure restraint—both of which are now under strain.

The budget stands out as a triumph of political optics over fiscal accountability. Wage hikes for pre-primary teachers, Asha workers, Saksharatha Preraks and noon-meal workers are intended to reinforce the LDF government's welfare credentials at a politically sensitive moment. It remains to be seen if these are enough to overcome the perceived anti-incumbency sentiments and hand the CPI(M)-led front an unprecedented third successive term.

QUICK TAKE

SCREENING WITH AI

AS with all disruptive technologies, the goodness of artificial intelligence depends on its use. An example is a new study published in *The Lancet* that shows how AI-led analysis can detect breast cancer at an early stage in many more cases than otherwise possible. By analysing mammograms of 100,000 Swedish women, it reduced diagnoses in the years after screening by an eighth. However, Dr Kristina Lang, one of the co-authors of the study, cautioned that only tested AI tools be used and they be fed with reliable data gathered from continuous screening. India, which has a vast data repository from the national cancer screening programme, would do well to collaborate to deploy such technology across the country.

The new UGC rules promoting equity in education institutes were needed because the older ones were not working. Facts debunk the arguments of those agitating against them

AN UNFOUNDED BACKLASH TO UGC RULES FOR HARMONY

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THE University Grants Commission's new rules to promote equity in higher education institutions—a reform of its 2012 rules—has stirred controversy, mostly in north India. This week, responding to a plea of those opposed, the Supreme Court has kept the new regulations in abeyance and retained the 2012 rules till a final decision is taken.

However, a careful look at the points raised by the agitators shows that the provisions they are opposed to do not justify their claims. Evidence does not support their arguments. To discuss the points, it is necessary to look back at the reasons for framing the 2012 regulations in the first place.

The origin of legal safeguards against caste- and untouchability-related discrimination goes back to the enactment of the Untouchability (Offences) Act in 1955, renamed as the Protection of Civil Rights Act in 1979, and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

Unfortunately, one major limitation of these laws is that they nearly ignore the discrimination in education institutions, except on admitting SC/ST candidates. Presumably, the reason is that those who enacted these Acts believed that, unlike other institutions, education campuses would be immune from caste discrimination, as they are managed by educated people. However, they did not realise the weak connection between literacy and discrimination, for it was learned Brahmanical scholars who authored the smritis that laid the moral principles underlying the caste system, which upheld inequality and social exclusion.

Shocked by the frequent deaths by suicide at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and other institutes of repute, the Union health ministry set up a committee in 2008 to enquire into the causes. The committee came up with empirical evidence of discrimination—not in all, but in some spheres of teaching, evaluation, use of laboratories, sports, social life, and in hostels and dining halls—towards SC/ST students by higher-caste students, teachers and administrators. This led to the framing of the 2012 regulations.

However, due to their ineffective implementation, the discrimination continued, only to shock the nation's conscience after the tragic deaths by suicide of Rohith Vemula in 2016, Payal Tadvi in 2019 and Darshan Solanki in 2023, to note a few examples. The mothers of some of the victims approached the Supreme Court seeking direction to the UGC to reform and effectively implement the 2012 regulations. The UGC brought out the 2026 regulations on the top court's advice.

However, some students in the general category opposed them on the ground that they would bring further division between the SC/ST and Other Backward Class students and the general students, lead to reverse discrimination of higher-caste students and induce false cases against them.

How valid are these arguments? In my view, they are not. Although the 2026 rules suffer from other limitations, they at least contain provisions to promote harmony and social inclusion among students. Studies show that Indian campuses are highly diversified—in 2018, of all the students in higher education, 5 percent were ST, 14.86 percent SC, 37 percent OBC, 27 percent high castes, 9.63 percent Muslim, 2.67 percent Christian, and about 3 percent Sikh, Buddhist or Jain. This diversity can result in a measure of division on the lines of caste, tribe and religion.

But this link between diversity and division is a universal phenomenon. In US universities, it's found between white and black students, and between Muslim, Christian and Jewish ones. Recognising the problem, American institutions have introduced special courses on civic education to unlearn the undemocratic belief the students might have cultivated through socialisation in family and society. They attempted to prepare students to be better-informed citizens—to engage with the values of liberty, equality, individual worth, open-mindedness, and willingness to collaborate for a common good.

Indian campuses that are characterised by caste, race and religious diversity also require a conscious effort to build values that promote harmony. The 2026 regulations aim to eradicate discrimination, promote full equity and inclusion, and create a socially congenial atmosphere through sensitisation. It is only in incidences of discrimination that they provide for legal safeguards to protect affected students. Therefore, the allegation that the regulations themselves will promote division is unfounded and unmindful of these positive provisions.

Will it result in reverse discrimination of general students? This belief is also not borne out by facts. The way discrimination is defined in the regulation, it does not amount to reverse discrimination of general students. It says: "'Discrimination' means any unfair, differential, or biased treatment or any such act against any stakeholder, whether explicit or implicit, on the grounds only of religion, race, caste, gender, place of birth, disability." Thus, it applies to all students including general category ones.

Even when it mentions discrimination against SC, ST or OBC students, it does not point to any high caste as the discriminator. Discriminators can come from any category including SC, ST, OBC or general. In case of discrimination based on gender or disability, it again includes all categories. The presumption of reverse discrimination of general students is thus a false presumption, possibly motivated by political considerations.

Lastly, will high-caste students face the risk of false cases? This issue was also raised against the Prevention of Atrocities Act. Some have asked for a provision for punishment against false cases. For all the years that the 2012 regulations have been in place, there has been no evidence of false complaints. It's difficult for students from an economically and socially weak background to show the gumption to file false cases against the powerful. Besides, one cannot have a provision to punish for false complaint under the same law that's meant to protect a vulnerable group from discrimination. On the contrary, such a provision would act as a deterrent for SC, ST and OBC students to file complaints.

Thus, the arguments given by those opposed to the new UGC rules are presumptuous. There is a need to sharpen the 2026 regulations, but not on the line proposed. The Supreme Court should base its judgement not only on legal considerations, but also on insights from studies on discrimination. Otherwise, the regulations will become counter-protective for the very groups they seek to protect.

(Views are personal)

CLUBBING ANEW TO OLD CHANTS

MADHAVAN NARAYANAN

Senior journalist

REVERSE SWING

WHEN none less than the Prime Minister takes note of 'bhajan clubbing', it is time to deconstruct the cool. Speaking in his *Mann Ki Baat* broadcast last week, he called it a powerful blend of devotion, culture, spirituality and modernity, mentioning Gen-Z to make sure the young and the restless heard him out.

Trendy bhajans are not exactly new to me, though the phrase and the more evolved structure are. When large groups, especially of youngsters, come together in a community event to sing praises to gods, bhajan clubbing gets the 'sober rave' tag in a Hindu package. What is new is the high-energy and nightclub-like atmosphere along with a no-alcohol, all-clean feel.

We now have fancily-named bhajan groups like Backstage Siblings and Keshavam. What's more, their concerts carry ticket prices that resemble club gigs. They are not your everyday free session at the local temple. The phenomenon took me on a reverse swing in time.

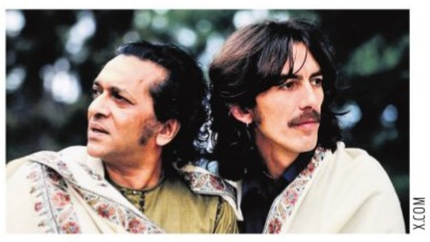
I had my own brush with bhajan cool in the 1970s and 80s when The Beatles era spawned its early seeds. Guitarist George Harrison embraced Hinduism with a zeal that coincided with the rise of the Hare Krishna movement. As a youngster, I heard '*I am missing you*', produced by Harrison, composed by Pandit Ravi Shankar and sung by the sitarist's sister-in-law Lakshmi Shankar. The song expressed a longing to encounter Lord Krishna with English lyrics: "Though I can't see you, I hear your flute all the while." Frankly, I found it somewhat amusing and not quite spiritual, especially as it was played on Western pop music shows of All India Radio.

Then in 1981, Afro-rock band Osibisa staged a live show on the India Gate lawns in the heart of New Delhi and sang '*Raghupati raghava Raja Ram*' (officially titled '*Joy of Om*') that kept spiritual Indi-pop bubbling amid a growing fascination for rock.

Spiritual pop goes back in time. Lucknow-born Cliff Richard, who spent his early childhood in Calcutta, embraced Christianity publicly at a rally by American evangelist Billy Graham in 1966, putting behind his hits like '*Bachelor boy*' and '*Summer holiday*'. His guitar embraced Christian gospel music.

Hinduism was not far behind. In the early 2000s, I saw a bhajan-club act closer to the contemporary version in suburban Bengaluru at the 250-acre Art of Living headquarters founded by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. The evening saw long-haired rockers wielding electric guitars singing energetic bhajans to thunderous claps.

Looking back, I found Harrison's plaintive '*My sweet lord*', released in 1970, truly devotional because of its rhythmic chanting that blended "Hallelujah" with "Hare Krishna" in a non-denominational spirituality. It seemed to go beyond the shifting sands of cultural modernity.



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Trendy bhajan gatherings aren't new, but their structure has truly evolved. From George Harrison to Baaba Maal and Jai Uttal, many singers across eras have blended genres to deliver soulful music. The science behind the benefits of chanting align with the spiritual claims of past masters

There is a spiritual logic to this that deserves attention. I have attended meditation sessions led by followers of Paramahansa Yogananda, which were preceded by simple words sung in chants that made way for long spells of silent meditation.

"Chanting is half the battle," Yogananda famously said. He released a book titled Cosmic Chants that contained songs that had a clearer purpose to invoke devotion. The guru said loud chanting was a good start to meditation in creating a "magnetic flow", but advised steps transitioning into what he called "superconscious chanting".

Yogananda said: "Sound or vibration is the most powerful force in the universe. Music is a divine art, to be used not only for pleasure but as a path to god-realisation." That reminds one of Carnatic composer Thyagaraja's description of god as "*Nada Brahmam*" (Sound as the divine).

I find chants spiritual when done in a coherent, enchanting fashion, irrespective of their origin or religion. I like listening to Gregorian chants that follow Christian traditions, and in a strange way, found Freddie Mercury's chanting chemistry with the crowd at London's Wembley Stadium in his Live Aid concert in 1985 uplifting in a soulful way. After all, the rock bands were raising funds for famine-hit Africans and nursed charitable thoughts.

I also find solace in the soulful '*Dunya salam*' featuring Senegalese singer Baaba Maal, which praises god as Allah in an Islamic prayer. Its lyrics set to a haunting tune are like an Afro version of John Lennon's piano ballad for peace, '*Imagine*'.

On a more orthodox groove is Jai Uttal, an American devotee of Neem Karoli Baba. Born Douglas Uttal, the Grammy-nominated guitar-wielding singer is called a 'kirtan artist' and hailed as a pioneer in 'world spirit music', a derivative of the more popular world music genre. He sings bhakti-filled chants on Hindu deities and uses elements of jazz, reggae and ballads.

That takes us to the neuroscience behind chants and meditation.

The US government's National Library of Medicine says, "The simple act of repeating a sound may increase focused attention while decreasing awareness of bodily sensations. Further, if the repetition of the sound is vocalised, slowed breathing is likely to activate the parasympathetic nervous system," adding that "even if one is distracted, vocalisation is likely to have positive respiratory and hormonal changes that may contribute to feelings of relaxation and positive mood".

Bhajan clubbing may thus be just a trendy word for what they call *satsang* in religious circles and the science behind chants shows the power of congregation as well as health benefits. But there is evidently a need to differentiate between headbanging decibels and soulful chants.

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Economic paradox

Ref: *Eco Survey highlights* (Jan 30). The survey presents a precarious paradox: while headline growth shines, the rupee's tumble and fleeing foreign capital signal structural cracks. The true alarm, however, is 'fiscal populism'. To stabilise the rupee and revive investment, we must pivot from competitive freebies to productive capital expenditure.

Nilesh Dubey, Ahmedabad

Prasadam politics

Ref: *Laddu finding ought to impose wider restraint* (Jan 30). The editorial should sensitise all the concerned. The emotionally prolonged and fierce episode carried on for some time showed how our politicians stoop to any extent to gain political mileage.

A G Rajmohan, Anantapur

Gig growth

Ref: *Why gig economy turns the clock on progress* (Jan 30). The column misses the forest for the trees. Any last-mile service—usually ideal for users—involves workers and it cannot be deemed exploitation. Evolution of innovative business models and products are inevitable for growth, which requires realignment and not rebuke.

Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Guide adolescents

Ref: *Social sector paradox* (Jan 30). Adolescence is a very crucial period in one's life, as it's the time when students enhance their learning outcome and life skills. Unenroled students may fritter away their time and energy in unproductive work or even anti-social activities. The State should take a serious note of the issue and remedy it.

S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

Annihilate caste

Ref: *SC stays UGC fiat* (Jan 30). The court's contention that the regulations 'will divide society' is erroneous and unfortunate. To allow harassment and humiliation of Dalits, indigenous people and OBC on the ground of caste to avoid "social divisions" is to confer a judicial sanctity to 'sanctified apartheid'. The equity rules are needed to annihilate caste.

G David Milton, Kanniyakumari

Booze menace

Ref: *Search continues for woman's body* (Jan 30). Today, through the widespread promotion of alcohol as a source of state revenue, governments undermine the right to lead a dignified life for its citizens. The wellbeing and protection of workers coming from across the country should be prioritised over industrial expansion.

Komala B, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Supriya Shrinate @SupriyaShrinate
78 years ago, on this very day, Nathuram shot Mahatma with bullets. Today, his worshippers kill Gandhi every day. But Gandhi lives on - because Gandhi does not die

Saket Gokhale @SaketGokhale
The Economic Survey tabled in Parliament yesterday sneakily shows the Modi Govt's intention to further dilute & destroy the RTI Act.

Amit Malviya @amitmalviya
The state government cannot escape responsibility. Its casual, indifferent approach to enforcement and regulation directly contributed to this disaster.

Arab League secy general meets EAM

Ahead of foreign ministers' meet today, Jaishankar, Gheit discuss regional developments

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

$240+ bn India-Arab bilateral trade

47% India's crude oil

60% India's LNG

50% India's Fertilisers

IMPORTS FROM ARAB LEAGUE NATIONS

ECONOMIC & ENERGY TIES

95% OF INDIA'S LPG IMPORTS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES

League of Arab States: Background

The League of Arab States, formed in Cairo in 1945, currently has 22 member states across West Asia and North Africa. India has Observer status in the LAS and has institutionalised dialogue through an MoU signed in 2002. The Arab–India Cooperation Forum was established in 2008 and revised in 2013 to strengthen structural engagement.

PEOPLE & CONNECTIVITY

9+ million Indian diaspora in Arab League countries

Critical sea routes: Suez Canal, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden

$107+ bn hydrocarbon trade

AHEAD of the second India–Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi on Saturday, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Friday held talks with League of Arab States Secretary General Ahmed Aboul Gheit, focusing on strengthening India–Arab cooperation across political, economic and strategic domains amid heightened regional and global uncertainties. Following the meeting, Jaishankar described the interaction as "warm" and said the discussions covered a wide range of issues. "Had a wide-ranging conversation about our cooperation and strengthening it across various domains. Also exchanged views on the recent developments in the region," he said in a post on X.

Aboul Gheit arrived in New Delhi on Thursday to attend the second India–Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting (IAFMM) and related engagements, marking a significant moment in India's engagement with the Arab world. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the visit reflects a shared commitment to strengthening the India–Arab partnership across sectors. "High-level engagements over the next two days reflect the shared commitment for a stronger India-Arab partnership," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

India is hosting the second IAFMM on January 31, co-chaired by India and the United Arab Emirates. The meeting will see participation from Foreign Ministers of Arab League member states, along with ministers of state, deputy ministers and senior officials. This is the first time India is hosting the India–Arab Foreign Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi. The IAFMM, the highest institutional mechanism guiding India–Arab engagement, is taking place after a gap of nearly a decade. The first such meeting was held in Manama, Bahrain, in January 2016, when both sides identified five priority verticals for cooperation—economy, energy, education, media and culture—and adopted the Manama Declaration and an Executive Programme for implementation.

Ahead of the ministerial dialogue, the fourth India–Arab Senior Officials' Meeting was held on Friday, setting the agenda and reviewing progress under the cooperation framework. The current meeting is expected to expand collaboration in emerging areas while reinforcing existing partnerships in trade, energy security, connectivity and people-to-people ties.

India's engagement with the Arab League is underpinned by strong economic and strategic linkages. India–Arab trade stands at over $240 billion, with bilateral hydrocarbon trade exceeding $107 billion and accounting for nearly half of overall trade. Arab League countries supply more than 95% of India's LPG imports, around 60% of LNG and nearly 47% of crude oil requirements, besides over 50 per cent of fertilisers and related products. Critical sea lanes such as the Suez Canal, Red Sea and Gulf of Aden remain vital for India's external trade.

Indian companies have a significant footprint in the energy sector across several Arab countries, including the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Oman and Egypt. Cooperation also spans food security, financial services, healthcare, education, information technology, renewable energy, start-ups and large infrastructure projects.

Five Tejas Mk-1A ready, but delivery stuck at certification

JAVARIA RANA @ New Delhi

HINDUSTAN Aeronautics Limited (HAL) chairman and Managing Director D K Sunil has said that five Tejas Mk-1A aircraft are ready for delivery, but sources in the defence and security establishment indicated that their handover to the Indian Air Force (IAF) is likely to be delayed due to pending certification and operational clearance requirements.

Speaking at a press conference in Hyderabad earlier this week, Sunil said, "Five Tejas Mk-1A aircraft are ready. We have completed firing and missile trials. We would be approaching the IAF to take these five fighters in the current financial year."

However, according to defence officials, while the aircraft have successfully completed weapon trials—including the firing of two missiles and the release of a laser-guided bomb—final mandatory Staff Qualitative Requirements (SQR) certification and operational clearance remain pending. These clearances are mandatory before the aircraft can be formally inducted into service.

"SQRs lay down the IAF's performance benchmarks for induction. Beyond weapons trials, they cover flight envelope validation, avionics and sensor integration, electronic warfare performance, reliability and maintainability parameters and operational suitability checks. Only after these are demonstrated and certified can the aircraft be formally accepted," a source said.

A HAL official told this newspaper: "We expect to offer the five aircraft for delivery in March, after which the IAF will finalise acceptance and work out details of the handover."

Only 29 active squadrons

The continued delays — also linked to disruptions in the supply of GE F404 engines — come at a time when the IAF is facing a critical fighter squadron shortfall, with 29 active squadrons against a sanctioned strength of 42.5.

As reported earlier by this newspaper, HAL had announced a revised delivery target of March during the debut flight of the LCA Mk-1A in Nashik in October last year. In September, the PSU had also indicated that the first two aircraft from the 83-aircraft order would be delivered by October, a timeline that was subsequently missed.

Under the ₹48,000-crore contract signed in February 2021 for 73 Tejas Mk-1A fighters and 10 trainers—totalling 83 aircraft—the first aircraft was scheduled for delivery within three years. However, the programme has been delayed by nearly three years.

In November 2023, the Defence Acquisition Council cleared the procurement of an additional 97 Mk-1A fighters at an estimated cost of ₹66,500 crore, with final contract approval issued in August last year. Once these aircraft are delivered, the IAF's Tejas Mk-1A fleet is expected to reach around 180 aircraft.

HAL currently has a production capacity of 24 aircraft per year. At this rate, fulfilling the 180-aircraft order will take more than seven years, with the IAF expected to receive the full Mk-1A fleet no earlier than around 2033.

Economic Survey's RTI mention plan to 'murder' it like MGNREGA: Kharge

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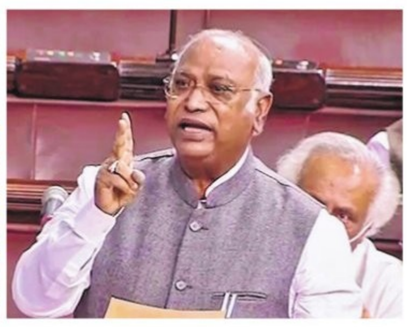

'Ministerial veto' a possibility now, claims Kharge

The Congress chief noted that the Economic Survey also suggested a possible 'Ministerial veto' to withhold information and wants to explore the possibility of shielding public service records, transfers, and staff reports of bureaucrats from public scrutiny.

LAUNCHING a scathing attack on the 'Economic Survey' that called for re-examining the Right to Information Act (RTI), Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Friday asked whether it was RTI's turn to get murdered after the UPA era rural job scheme MGNREGA.

Accusing the Union government of systematically weakening the RTI Act, Kharge said it is unleashing a climate of terror that punishes truth-seekers, as he pointed out that over 100 RTI activists had been murdered since 2014.

The Economic Survey tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman on Thursday said that the RTI Act 2005 was never intended as a tool for idle curiosity, nor as a mechanism to micro-manage the government from the outside. It also made its case for re-examining the nearly two-decade-old RTI law to exempt confidential reports and draft comments from disclosures, saying such provisions constrain governance. Kharge noted that the Survey also suggested a possible 'Ministerial veto' to withhold information and wants to explore the possibility of shielding public service records, transfers, and staff reports of bureaucrats from public scrutiny.

"The Economic Survey has called for 're-examination' of the Right to Information Act. "The Modi Government has systematically weakened the RTI Act — Over 26,000 pending cases as of 2025. In 2019, the Modi Government hacked away at the RTI Act, seizing control over Information Commissioners' tenure and pay, converting independent watchdogs into submissive functionaries," Kharge said in an X post.

He said the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, gutted the RTI's public interest clause, "weaponising privacy to shield corruption and stonewall scrutiny."

Until last month, the Central Information Commission had been functioning without a chief information commissioner. It was the seventh time in 11 years that this key post was deliberately kept vacant, the Congress chief claimed.

"Since 2014, over 100 RTI activists have been murdered, unleashing a climate of terror that punishes truth-seekers and extinguishes dissent. The WhistleBlowers Protection Act, 2014, passed by the Congress-UPA has not been implemented by the BJP, to date,"he said.

MEDICAL MATTERS

Medical colleges miss SC order on interns' stipend, NMC missing in action

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

July '25 warning fell flat

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DESPITE being pulled up by the Supreme Court and receiving reminders from the Union Health Ministry, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has failed to act against 65 medical colleges that have not submitted details of stipends paid to MBBS interns.

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In its RTI reply dated January 19, the ministry said compilation of undergraduate stipend details is to be done by the Under-Graduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB) as per Supreme Court orders, and about 65 colleges are yet to comply. Kerala-based RTI activist Dr KV Babu, who filed the application, said the reply shows non-compliance despite warnings. He said the ministry issued reminders to the NMC based on his complaint, but no action has followed.

In a notice dated July 11, 2025, the NMC cited a Supreme Court order on issues including fees and non-payment of stipends. The regulator's shifting stance has triggered protests by medical students and resident doctors' associations.

On October 28, the Supreme Court pulled up the NMC for delaying its response to a plea alleging that 70 per cent of medical colleges do not pay stipends to interns. The court directed the NMC and the Union government to submit data and urged the regulator to act.

Stem cell treatment for autism malpractice, only clinical trials allowed: SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday ruled that administering stem cell therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) outside approved and monitored clinical trials is unethical and amounts to medical malpractice, citing a lack of scientific evidence and breach of medical standards.

A Bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan said, "Therefore, every use of stem cells in patients outside an approved clinical trial is unethical and shall be considered as malpractice." The court held that such interventions are not recognised as sound medical practice due to the absence of empirical support on safety and efficacy.

Regarding doctors' duties, the court said that practitioners who offer such treatment as routine care fail to meet the reasonable standard of care owed to patients. A medical practitioner "cannot be said to meet the standard of reasonable care if he administers an intervention that lacks credible scientific evidence of safety and efficacy or where authoritative medical bodies unequivocally state that such a form of treatment is not recommended", the judgment said.

The verdict came on a writ petition filed by Yash Charitable Trust and others, raising concerns over the promotion and administration of stem cell "therapy" for ASD by clinics nationwide. Petitioners alleged that although stem cell therapy remains experimental, it is being advertised and offered as a "treatment" or "cure" for ASD by clinics, in violation of existing laws.

Rejecting claims of legality under drug laws, the court said the mere classification of stem cells as "drugs" under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, does not make their therapeutic use permissible as a clinical service. "Although the stem cells administered for therapeutic use in ASD are characterised as drugs under the Drugs Act, 1940, the same by itself is not determinative," the Bench said.

Centre to provide extra funding for reclaiming urban landfills under Swachh Bharat Mission

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

Use of digital integration

The ministry estimates that 15.51 crore MT of waste has been processed, resulting in the reclamation of 8,484.15 acres of land. To strengthen monitoring, MoHUA has developed a dedicated IT module to track progress at identified dumpsites in real time. The system includes digital integration of the weighbridges to ensure accurate reporting of waste processed.

THE Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has decided to extend additional financial assistance to cities to accelerate the remediation of legacy waste dump sites, in a renewed push to reclaim urban land and eliminate long-standing environmental hazards.

The enhanced support will be provided on a case-to-case basis. It will be guided by detailed micro-planning undertaken by local urban bodies (ULBs) under the framework of the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (SBM-U) 2.0.

According to the ministry, the Centre has so far released ₹4,206 crore as financial assistance for projects worth ₹10,308 crore, benefiting 2,489 ULBs across 29 states and Union Territories. Building on this progress, MoHUA will now provide additional funding of ₹550 per tonne of waste to fast-track the process under the Dumpsite Remediation Acceleration Programme (DRAP).

The DRAP is a focused, year-long initiative aimed at remediating 214 of the most challenging legacy waste dumpsites in the country. These sites together account for nearly 80 per cent of the remaining legacy waste. The programme targets 100 per cent remediation of these dumpsites across 200 ULBs, with a deadline of September 2026. A key objective is not only to clear existing dumps but also to prevent the creation of new ones, while reclaiming land for productive urban use. In addition to central funding, cities have been encouraged to form partnerships with corporate entities, public sector undertakings (PSUs) and non-government organisations (NGOs).

These collaborations may support financing, logistics, waste utilisation and disposal, as well as community engagement and public awareness related to remediation efforts.

The scale of the challenge remains significant. A total of 2,488 dumpsites containing nearly 25 crore metric tonnes (MT) of legacy waste have been identified nationwide. Of these, 1,138 dumpsites have been fully remediated, while remediation work is currently underway at another 1,020 sites.

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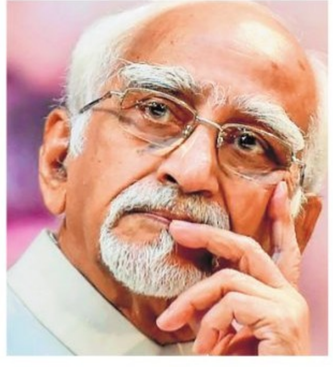
Regular reviews and field visits are also being conducted to assess on-ground progress and resolve implementation challenges promptly. The DRAP was formally launched in November during the inaugural session of the National Urban Conclave 2025 in Delhi, signalling the Centre's intensified focus on eliminating legacy waste as a cornerstone of sustainable urban development.

BJP slams Ansari's Ghazni comment, says Cong ecosystem takes anti-Hindu stance

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi



FORMER Vice-President M Hamid Ansari's remarks on Mahmud of Ghazni during an interview triggered a sharp political backlash from the ruling BJP on Friday.

Senior BJP leaders, including party spokespersons, launched a coordinated attack on Ansari over his statement describing Mahmud of Ghazni as an "Indian dacoit". The BJP accused the Congress and its wider ideological ecosystem of glorifying and romanticising foreign invaders, alleging that they have consistently defended and celebrated anti-Hindu tyrants.

Leading the charge, BJP Rajya Sabha MP and national spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi, speaking at a media briefing at the party headquarters, accused Ansari of harbouring sympathy for historical plunderers. He said Ansari's comments reflected a "sick mindset."

Continuing the criticism, Trivedi said, "Just as all the (British) viceroys ruled on behalf of the king or queen, all the Mughal emperors ruled as representatives of the Khalipha of Baghdad."

The BJP's response followed Ansari's interview in which he suggested that figures commonly portrayed in history books as foreign invaders, including Mahmud of Ghazni, were in fact "Indian looteras".

"I have always said that the people we portray as foreign invaders in our history books are that there is one Lodi, someone is Ghazi and someone is that. They were all Indian looteras. They didn't come from outside. Politically, it's convenient to say that they destroyed this and that. But they were all Indians," the former vice president had said.

Sharing video footage of the remarks on X, BJP national spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla criticised Ansari for what he described as "eulogising" Mahmud of Ghazni, who he said had destroyed and desecrated the Somnath temple.

"After calling Sharjeel Imam and Umar Khalid as 'Yuva' (youths), now the Congress ecosystem and Hamid Ansari eulogise Ghazni who destroyed and desecrated the Somnath Mandir. The Congress ecosystem eulogises Mahmud of Ghazni – they oppose Somnath Swabhiman Parv... they whitewash crimes of Aurangzeb and those who did atrocities on Hindus," Poonawalla wrote on X.

Another BJP national spokesperson, Pradeep Bhandari, launched a broader attack on the Congress, which he labelled the "Modern India Muslim League".

NOD TO RAZE

A special court has permitted Mumbai's civic body to demolish Minhaz Hotel, attached by ED in connection with its money laundering case against late gangster Iqbal Mirchi.

1 YOUTH HELD IN JAISALMER ON PAK SPYING CHARGE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	29	19	Mumbai	28	24
Bhopal	24	16	Panaji	32	22
Jaipur	21	13	Patna	23	12
Amritsar	16	07	Lucknow	21	11
Chennai	28	23	Port Blair	29	26
Kolkata	27	17	Imphal	24	09
Srinagar	06	-3	Chandigarh	19	09

Shah blames Cong rule for Assam demography shift

Home minister says infiltrators' population rose from zero to 64 lakh

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the demography of Assam changed drastically during the Congress rule. He urged people to vote for the BJP to stop infiltration.

"Assam's demography completely changed during the Congress rule. The population of infiltrators rose to 64 lakh from nil. Infiltrators became a majority in seven districts," Shah said at the closing ceremony of the 10th Mising Youth Festival in Dhemaji.

Earlier in the day, addressing a public gathering in Dibrugarh after laying the foundation stone for the second complex of the state Assembly and launching development projects worth ₹1,700 crore, Shah said the Congress had turned Assam into a tool for vote-bank politics to gain power.

He said the BJP-led Assam government had stopped the process of demographic change and freed 1.26 lakh acres of land from the possession of infiltrators. He added that all infiltrators would be evicted under the leadership of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

"The infiltrators cannot benefit Assam or the country in any way because they are changing our demographics and also pose a threat to the country's security," the home minister said.

He warned that if demographic change was not stopped, Assam could face serious problems in the coming days. "Earlier, Assam's borders were open to infiltrators, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Assam government together have stopped infiltrators from entering Assam," he said.

The BJP is heading into the Assam Assembly elections with a stronger focus on the issue of illegal Bangladeshi migrants. The polls are expected to be held in March or April this year. Shah said Assam had witnessed major economic progress over the past five years, with its GSDP increasing from ₹4.1 lakh crore to ₹7.2 lakh crore.

"Earlier, Assam was known for bomb blasts, violence, and the deaths of youths. Under the Modi government, the income of youths has increased by up to 50 percent. If we want peace, development, education, industry, and employment, only our government can provide it," he said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah with Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in Dibrugarh on Friday | PTI

B'deshi immigrants at centre of BJP poll campaign

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Jaish terrorists cornered inside Kishtwar jungle

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

SECURITY forces have intensified operations against three Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists trapped in the forest area of Chatroo in the mountainous Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir. In an effort to cut off communication for the terrorists, the authorities have suspended mobile Internet services within six kilometres of the operation zone.

"The Army, police and paramilitary CRPF men are conducting a massive search operation in Chatroo, Singhpora and Chingums area in the dense forests of Kishtwar district," a security official said. He added that the operation has been ongoing since the January 18 encounter with terrorists in which a para commando was killed and eight other jawans injured.

"We have got inputs that three JeM terrorists are trapped in the forest area. We have intensified our search operation and the three terrorists are on the run. Security forces are using drones, UAVs and other surveillance gadgets to track them down. They are likely to be trained in jungle warfare," a source revealed, adding, ""We are hopeful to track them down very soon." Since the Jan 18 encounter, security forces have twice established contact with the terrorists, whose hide-out in the Chatroo forest area has been busted.

Indian indicted in US for smuggling people from Canada to New York

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

AN Indian national has been indicted in the United States for human smuggling, while two Punjabi-origin Indian nationals were arrested in Canada in connection with a shooting linked to extortion, highlighting separate but serious criminal investigations involving migrants and cross-border crime in North America.

In the US, a federal grand jury in the Northern District of New York on January 28 indicted Shivam Lnu an Indian national, for his alleged role in a scheme to smuggle Indian nationals from Canada into the United States. Court documents state that Shivam directed smuggling operations from January last year through June, coordinating illegal crossings into Clinton County, New York.

On January 26, US Border Patrol agents attempted to stop two vehicles travelling in tandem near the US-Canada border. Both vehicles fled, prompting a pursuit. One vehicle crashed and became immobilised, while the other was stopped in Mooers, New York. Authorities found 12 undocumented individuals inside.

Investigators allege WhatsApp messages linked Shivam to the operation, including coordination with drivers, proof-of-life photographs, and directions to safe houses in upstate New York. He faces one count of conspiracy and four counts of illegally bringing aliens into the US for financial gain, carrying potential sentences of up to 15 years.

Separately, Canadian police arrested Harshdeep Singh and Hanspreet Singh in Surrey on January 26 after a single shot was fired. A loaded handgun was recovered, and both were charged with firearm-related offences.

Two from Punjab held in Canada over extortion link

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GUWAHATI DIARY

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945 freshwater turtles found in Kaziranga

A rapid boat survey, which covered a 174 km stretch of the Brahmaputra flowing through the Kaziranga Tiger Reserve, documented 945 freshwater turtles belonging to seven species, including 876 hardshell turtles and 69 softshell turtles. It also recorded 55 direct sightings of hardshell turtles of genus Pangshura and 13 sightings of softshell turtles, including four critically endangered Black softshell turtle and nine Nilssonia gangetica. The Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve conducted the survey in collaboration with the India Turtle Conservation Programme to carry out scientific assessments of aquatic reptiles.

Glaciers in Himalayas rapidly melting: IIT-G

IIT Guwahati Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati have developed a predictive framework to identify the locations where glacial lakes are likely to form in the Eastern Himalayan mountains. The research provides crucial insights for hazard management and water-resource planning in high-mountain regions. IIT Guwahati said the glaciers in the Himalayas are melting due to climate change, leading to the formation of lakes. "Although the rise in temperature is causing the generation of more meltwater, the formation, and location of glacial lakes are influenced by the surrounding topography," it added.

FoodTech exhibition brings together 80 firms

The 5th North-East FoodTech 2026, the region's premier B2B exhibition for the food, bakery and hospitality industry, is underway in Guwahati. The exhibition brought together over 80 companies from across India, showcasing advancements in food processing machinery, bakery and confectionery equipment, commercial kitchen systems, refrigeration and cold-chain infrastructure, packaging solutions, ingredients and food safety technologies. The organisers are hopeful that the four-day event, which commenced on January 29, will draw around 7,000 business visitors from the Northeast, Eastern India and neighbouring regions.

UP police put pressure on judges for specific orders in lower courts: High Court

Once a judicial officer is sitting on the dais, he may be a junior division officer, he is above all persons in front of him

Allahabad HC

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Allahabad HC on Friday said police officers in Uttar Pradesh were mounting pressure on judges regularly, particularly, chief judicial magistrates (CJMs), to pass specific orders.

In a terse message to the state authorities, a single judge bench of Justice Arun Kumar Singh Deshwal told the state counsel that the court could not allow the state to become a police state. The judge made the observations while addressing Director General of Police (DGP) Rajiv Krishna and Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Sanjay Prasad during a hearing.

The officers had been asked to appear via video conference to explain the action being taken to curb the growing trend of UP police shooting the accused persons in their legs. During the hearing, the court observed that police officers, especially, those new to the service, used to mount pressure on judges, particularly, in the trial court at district level.

"…whenever the judicial officer or CJM asks the police authority as to why don't they comply, then tussle starts between the Superintendent of Police (SP) and judicial officer. This has become a routine feature that the SP starts pressurising the judicial officer for a particular order," the court said. However, the judge clarified that this trend of police high-handedness was not limited to a particular district.

"Once a judicial officer is sitting on the dais, he may be a junior division officer, he is above all persons in front of him," the court emphasised. Further, DGP Krishna agreed with the fact that the police were supposed to work within the four corners of the law.

Court reads state the riot act

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Foreigners' Act not for people from PoK: Court

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN a significant judgment, a court in Jammu and Kashmir has ruled that Pakistan-occupied Kasmir (PoK) is not part of Pakistan but an integral part of India that has been illegally occupied. It further noted that the provisions of the Foreigners Act, hence, cannot be applied to persons allegedly coming from that region.

The ruling was delivered by Syed Tayoub Bukhari, Judicial Magistrate First Class (JMIC) of Chadoora in central Kashmir's Budgam district, while acquitting a man and his wife in a decade-old case registered by the Srinagar Counter Intelligence Kashmir (CIK) .

The accused, Mohammad Maqbool Rather of Chadoora and his wife Parveena Akhtar, of the Bora Colony in PoK, had been charged under Sections 2/3 of the Enemy Agents Ordinance and Section 14 of the Foreigners Act on allegations that Rather had crossed over to PoK around 21 years earlier, received arms training, got married there, and later returned to India with his wife and children without valid documents.

The court also observed that the prosecution didn't produce any documentary evidence.

BJP, Congress spar over SIR debate in Rajasthan Assembly

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE Rajasthan Assembly witnessed repeated adjournments on Friday over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process, amid sharp exchanges between the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress.

The uproar began when the Opposition sought to raise the SIR issue for discussion. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel strongly objected, asserting that such questions could not be raised in the Assembly. His objection triggered a heated confrontation, forcing the Speaker to adjourn the proceedings first for five minutes and later for half an hour.

The situation escalated after Congress MLA Zakir Hussain raised concerns related to the SIR. As soon as he began speaking, Minister Jogaram Patel intervened, reiterating that the matter was not permissible for discussion in the House.

Following this, LoP Tikaram Jully rose from his seat and reacted sharply, intensifying the verbal clash. Jully demanded a thorough investigation into the bundles of forms linked to the SIR process so that any irregularities could be brought to light. In response, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister reiterated SIR falls under the jurisdiction of the Election Commission. Following the minister's statement, opposition MLAs took to loud sloganeering.

Amid continuous disruptions, the Speaker adjourned the House till 2 pm. However, as no consensus emerged even after the break, the proceedings were adjourned again for half an hour. When the House reconvened, LoP Jully said that while the ruling party might object to the discussion, the opposition was fully committed to adhering to the rules and procedures of the House.

Given the uproar from both the ruling and opposition parties, Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani said he would consult legal experts and the Parliament Secretariat on the matter. Later, during the Zero Hour, as MLAs spoke on an adjournment motion, Jully drew attention to the absence of ministers. The Speaker instructed the Parliamentary Affairs Minister to ensure that concerned ministers and officials are present when MLAs speak during Zero Hour. In response, Minister Jogaram Patel said the Speaker's directions would be followed, but urged the opposition not to create "unnecessary disruption".

Devnani also reprimanded MLAs for standing up and leaving the House collectively.

Adjournments mar the House proceedings

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Mahadalit woman cremated on road in Bihar

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

SOUNDS unbelievable but a road passing through a small town in Bihar doubled up as a cremation ground, sending shockwaves across the region.

It all happened when a 91-year-old Mahadalit woman was cremated in the middle of a road under Goraul police station limits in Vaishali district, around 40 km from the state capital. Sources said that the relatives were forced to perform the last rites of the woman in the middle of the road as some people had encroached on the land leading to the cremation ground. Encroachers allegedly prevented the family from proceeding with the funeral.

The incident occurred on Thursday at Sondho Andhari Gachhi Chowk, 30 km from district headquarters Hajipur. The deceased has been identified as Jhapi Devi, a resident of Sondho Vasudev village.

According to the family, when they were taking Jhapi Devi's body to the crematorium, they were unable to proceed due to encroachment on the path.

It is alleged that local shopkeepers have been encroaching the path leading to the crematorium for a long time. When the family tried to proceed with the body, the shopkeepers stopped them. Despite repeated attempts, when they could not find a way, the family lit the pyre and performed the last rites at the road intersection.

Upon receiving information about the incident, a police team from Goroul police station rushed to the spot but remained silent spectators for hours. Some residents claimed that this path has been closed for a long time, causing continuous problems for villagers trying to reach the crematorium.

Despite this, the administration had not taken any concrete action until now. Taking serious note of the matter, Vaishali district magistrate Varsha Singh has constituted a committee, comprising sub divisional officer (SDO) of Mahua, deputy superintendent of police (DSP), and block development officer (BDO) of Goraul. "Investigation is underway. Action will be taken on the basis of the report," DM said.

District Magistrate said that preliminary investigation showed lapses on the part of the officials of the fblock and police station concerned. "Payment of salary of BDO, CO and SHO of Goraul police station has been withheld as investigation is underway," the DM told the media.

The last rites of Jhapi Devi taking place on a road in Vaishali district | EXPRESS

Encroachment on access to crematorium, say kin

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Kuwait-Delhi IndiGo flight diverted to Ahmedabad after bomb threat

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A bomb hijack threat mid-air forced an IndiGo flight from Kuwait to Delhi to make an emergency landing at Ahmedabad. All 180 passengers and their baggage were screened as security agencies launched a full-scale operation no explosives found, probe on.

The moment the threat surfaced, alarms rang loud across security channels. The aircraft was isolated, the runway secured, and Ahmedabad airport slipped into high-alert mode as 180 passengers and their luggage were pulled into an intense, no-margin-for-error security drill.

Airport sources said every passenger was physically checked, every bag scanned, and every inch of the aircraft combed. "So far, no suspicious object has been recovered," sources confirmed, even as uncertainty kept the aircraft grounded for nearly two hours.

PROBE ON

1. A formal complaint has been registered by airport security at police station
2. Investigators are now tracing the origin of both the tissue-paper threat and the threatening email
3. Attempt to disrupt aviation security suspected

Confirming the operation, Airport Police Station PI N.D. Nkum told local media, "As soon as the threat input was received, all security agencies were alerted. The aircraft was thoroughly checked by the BDDS (Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad). No objectionable or explosive material was found during the search."

He added that while the physical checks were complete, "further investigation is continuing strictly as per laid-down protocol." However, neither IndiGo nor the airport authorities have issued any official statement on the incident so far. Earlier, Ahmedabad Airport itself had received a separate bomb threat via e-mail, warning of an explosive planted in the airport's luggage section. That alert too had sent security teams into overdrive only to later be declared false after exhaustive checks.

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No: KMP/EE/Amrut 2.0/JHA/NCAP/ 2025-26 Date : 29-01-2026

KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL TENDER NOTIFICATION

No: 02/Amrut2.0/NCAP/2025-26

Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi invites 04 tenders as per KTPP Act, 1999 and Rules, 2000 through KPPP Portal 2.0 for works in KW- 2,3&4 Tender bid documents under Jal hi Amrit scheme and NCAP scheme for 07 Days Short-Term Tender.

The bid documents can download from KPPP Portal website and any information related to these tenders will be updated on **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

2) Estimate Sanction cost: **lowest amount Rs. 50.00 lakhs & highest amount Rs. 200.00 lakhs. 3**) EMD Value: Lowest Rs. 84,000.00 & Highest Rs. 2,55,000.00, 4) Contractor License: Class 3 & Above, 4) Pre Bid Meeting date: **04-02-2026 upto 11-00 am.** 4) Last date of Bid Submission: **06-02-2026 upto 4-30 pm**. 5) Technical Bid Opening date: **07-02-2026 upto 4-35 pm.** 6) Financial Bid Opening date: **10-02-2026 after 11:30 am.** 7) Office Address: Executive Engineer, Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi.8) For more details visit Office Website **http://www.kalaburagicity.mrc.gov.in/**

Note: All subsequent corrigendum/amendment shall be published only on website and not in press. Hence, tenderers are advised to always be in touch with our said website until the tender is finally opened.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1031/KSMC&A/2025-26

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited

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3rd Floor, BMTC Complex, Kengal Hanumanthaiah Road, Shanthinagara, Bengaluru-560 027

Bid No.: BMRCL/A (PD)/RETAIL OUTLET-18/2025-26 Dated:30.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub: Withdrawal and Re-Issue of e-Tender for Licensing of Retail Outlet Spaces
Ref: BMRCL/A (PD)/RETAIL OUTLET-18/2025-26, dated 20-01-2026

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) had invited bids on 20.01.2026 through e-Tendering on the Karnataka Public Procurement (KPP) Portal for the licensing of retail outlet spaces at various Metro Stations.

The said e-tender has been cancelled/withdrawn due to technical issues. Currently the technical issues have been resolved and the tender has been re-invited with revised schedules on the Karnataka Public Procurement (KPP) portal.

1	Tender Notification No. and date	BMRCL/Advisor-PD/RETAIL OUTLET//2025-26, Dated:30.01.2026
2	Date from which Bid document is ready for download through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)**	**30-01-2026**
3	Last date for seeking clarification, if any	**19-02-2026 before 5:30 PM**
4	Date of Pre-bid Meeting and venue	**24.02.2026 at 3:00 PM at BMRCL Conference Hall, 3rd Floor, BMTC Complex, Kengal Hanumanthaiah Road, Shantinagara, Bengaluru-560 027**
5	Last date and time for uploading of tender in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal platform	**03.03.2026 before 3:00 PM**
6	Date and time of opening of tenders: Technical Bid & Technical Evaluation	**04.03.2026 before 3:30 PM**

Sd/- Director (Finance), BMRCL

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Water Resources Department

Office of the Executive Engineer, UKP, Reh. Divn No-2, Almatti.
Tq:Nidagundi, Dist:Vijayapur. Phone:08426-281049

No.UKP/REH-2/DB/KPPP/Tender-04/2025-26/1408 Dated:29.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through KPP Portal only) (One & Two Cover System)

In accordance with The Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act, the Percentage rate Electronic Tenders through kppp platform in One & Two cover system in KW-2 & 4 thruogh standard Tender documents are invited by the Executive Engineer, UKP, Reh. Division No.2, Almatti on behalf of The Governor of Karnataka State from Registered Contractors of Registered KPWD Class-I.& II The details of works tendered and dates are shown below. The blank tender documents can be obtained through website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and shall be submitted in **KPP** portal.

1) Construction of RCC side drains to internal roads at chikkagalagali (Mahalbagayat) in Vijaypura Taluka, 2) Construction of road work in Basavana Bagewadi taluka **3)** Providing Pipeline and Construction of Double Cisterns for water supply **Total No. of works – 03 Nos.** Amount put to Tender **Maximum Rs.** 392.80 Lakhs **& Minimum Rs.** 21.19 Lakhs, EMD Amount **Maximum Rs.** 5.89 Lakhs **& Minimum Rs.** 0.53 Lakhs.

1) Last date for Tender querries/clarification: **06-02-2026** upto 11.30 A.M.

2) Pre bid meeting (for above One crore) on **10-02-2026** at 11.30 A.M. at Executive Engineer, Division-2 Almatti.

3) Last date for blank tender forms and submission of completed tender documents (Sl No. 2 and 3) **16-02-2026** upto 5.00 P.M. and for (Sl No. 1) **02-03-2026** upto 5.00 P.M

4) Opening of technical bid**: For (Sl No.2 & 3) 18-02-2026 at** 11.30 A.M. and for(Sl No. 1)**04-03-2026** upto 11.30 A.M

5) Financial bids will be opened after approval of technical bids.

(The Estimate amount put to Tender is exclusive of GST. The tenderer should quote without GST. GST shall be paid separately @ prevailing rates during billing)

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For more information contact the Office of the Executive Engineer,UKP.Reh.Divn No.2, Almatti during working hours **on or after 02.02.2026** website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,UKP. Reh. Divn No-2, Almatti

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STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH

Authorised Officer's Details:
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APPENDIX- IV A

[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the Public in general and the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagers in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, will be sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS","AS IS WHAT IS"**and**"WHATEVER THERE IS"**basis on **05.03.2026** for recovery of **Rs.5,61,95,958/-** (Rupees Five Crore Sixty One Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Eight Only) as on 27.01.2026 and interest from 28.01.2026 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru from Borrowers:**M/s.Deepa Solar Systems Private Limited** represented by its Directors: **(1) Sri.K.L. Hanumantharaya** S/o Sri.Lakshmappa, Managing Director and **(2) Smt.Bhanumathi.S** W/o Sri.K.L.Hanumantharaya, Director and the Guarantors: (1) **Sri.K.L.Hanumantharaya** S/o Sri.Lakshmappa and **(2) Smt.Bhanumathi.S** W/o Sri. K. L. Hanumantharaya.

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable properties to be sold will be as under:

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increment Amount	Date &Time of e-Auction of property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs. 1,04,40,000/-	**Rs. 10,44,000/-**	**Rs.50,000/-**	**05.03.2026 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM**	**On or before 05.03.2026 up to 01.00 P.M.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

TENDER NO: SBI/SARB/2025-26/YM/VN/172
Property ID: SBIN200012822827

All that piece and parcel of Site No.24(Twenty Four) in Khata 74, IDBI Layout, 2nd Main formed in converted Survey No.17/1 and 17/3 of Gottigere Village, Bannerghatta Road, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru (Converted vide order No.B.D. Dis.ALN.SR.(S)408/91-92 dt.20.05.1992 by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District) measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 1,200 Sq. feet, standing in the name of Smt. Bhanumathi.S D/o Sri.S.Siddappa W/o Sri.K.L.Hanumantharaya and bounded on: East by : Property No.23, West by :Property No.25, North by : Road, South by :Property No.32.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT,2002.

The Borrowers/Mortgagor/Guarantors is hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru ie., http://www.baanknet.com

For further details regarding inspection of the properties the intending bidder may contact the Authorised Officer as mentioned above or Bank's Approved Resolution Agent, M/s Sri Devi Resolutions Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore Representative: Sri. Chayapathy, Cell No.9901902500.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.

Date: 29.01.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorised Officer & Chief Manager,
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

Government of India - Ministry of Defence
Defence Research & Development Organisation

CENTRE FOR AIRBORNE SYSTEMS
AS 9100D, AFQMS & ISO 9001:2015 Certified Estt.
Belur, Yemlur Post, Bengaluru - 560 037, INDIA

Advt No. CABS/JRF/2026/01

ADVERTISEMENT FOR WALK IN INTERVIEW FOR THE AWARD OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW (JRF)

Centre for Airborne Systems (CABS) Bengaluru is one of the Premier Research Establishment of Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) involved in indigenous Airborne Early warning and Control Programme through the Airborne Surveillance Platform (ASP).

CABS invites young and meritorious Indian nationals for walk in interview, who desire to pursue defence related research as Junior Research Fellow (JRF) in following subjects.

DRDO Junior Research Fellowship (10* Posts)

(*) Number of vacancies may change as per organizational requirement

SL No	Post Code	Disciplines	Vacancies	Equivalent acceptable subjects of Essential Qualification Degree
1.	JRF 01	Aeronautical Engineering	01	Aeronautical Engineering/ Aerospace Engg/ Aerospace Engg (Avionics).
2.	JRF 02	Computer Science & Engineering	04	Computer Science Engg/Technology, Computer Science & Engg/Technology, Computer Science Engg & IT, Software Engg/Technology, Computer Science & Automation Engg/Tech, Information Technology, Computer Science/Technology & Informatics Engg/Tech, Information Science & Engg/Technology. Computer & Communication Engg, Computer Networking.
3.	JRF 03	Electronics & Communication Engineering (ECE)	03	Electronics & Communication Engg, Electronics Engg, Electronics & Computer Engg, Electronics & Control Engg, Electronics & Communication System Engg, Electronics & Instrumentation Engg, Electronics & Tele-communication Engg, Electronics & Telematics Engg, Industrial Electronics Engg, Tele-communication Engg, Telecommunication & Information Tech., Applied Electronics & Instrumentation Engg, Electronics & Electrical Communication Engg, Electrical Communication Engg, Radio Physics and Electronics, Electrical Engg., Electrical & Electronics Engg, Electronics and Communication Engg (Avionics).
4.	JRF 04	Electrical Engineering	01	Electrical Engg, Electrical Power System Engg, Electrical & Electronics Engg, Electrical & Renewable Energy Engg, Power Engg, Power Electronics Engg, Electronics & Electrical Communications Engg, Electrical with Communication Engg.
5.	JRF 05	Mechanical Engineering	01	Mechanical Engg, Mechanical & Automation Engg, Mechanical & Production Engg.

Date of walk in interview: 25th Feb 2026 – ECE and Electrical 26th Feb 2026 – Aeronautical, Mechanical and Computer Science

Place of Research Fellowship: Centre for Airborne System(CABS), DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Belur, Yemlur PO, Bengaluru-560037.

Tenure: Initially the offer shall be for a period of two years which may be extended for further two years period (one year at a time) subject to satisfactory performance to be assessed by Review Committee.

Stipend: Monthly emoluments of Rs. 37,000/- pm plus House Rent Allowance(HRA) as admissible.

Education Qualification: BE/B. Tech in above disciplines first division with valid GATE score. Only GATE scores of 2024 & GATE score of 2025 are acceptable.

Or

ME/M.Tech in above disciplines in first division both at Graduate & Post-graduate level.

Upper Age Limit: 28 years as on 31 Dec 2025. 5 years relaxation to SC/ST candidates, 3 years to OBC (Noncreamy Layer) candidates. Caste certificate copy to be enclosed with application, if applicable.

Nationality: Only Indian National to apply

Application procedure:

Application form can be downloaded from website www.drdo.gov.in. Eligible candidates who are willing to attend the walk-in-interview are advised to send their willingness by email at jrf.rectt.cabs[at]gov.in latest by **22nd Feb 2026.** The subject field of the email must contain "Application for the post of Junior Research Fellowship- Discipline".

Interview Guidelines:

1. Desirous candidates appearing for walk-in-interview are required to report at Centre for Airborne System(CABS), DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Belur, Yemlur PO, Bengaluru-560037 by 08:45 hrs as per following schedule:
   i) Applications will be accepted starting from 0900 hrs to 1000 hrs on the date mentioned above. Candidates arriving late will not be allowed to participate in walk-in-interview process.
   ii) Initial screening and verification of testimonials will be done between 1000-1100 hrs on the above date of interview
   iii) Interview of the screened shortlisted candidates will take place from 1100 hrs onwards
2. In case large number of candidates appear interview can/will be conducted the next day. Therefore, candidates are requested to prepare/make arrangement accordingly.
3. Candidates are required to produce the duly filled application form, as per the format provided, along with attested copies of certificates/testimonials w.r.t qualification, experience and caste at the time of walk-in-interview. It is also required to affix recent passport size photograph on the right top corner of the first page of the application. (If any documents/certificate furnished are in a language other than English, a duly self-attested transcript in English of the same to be attached)
4. Incomplete application will be rejected during the screening for eligibility.
5. While appearing for interview, candidates are required to produce all certificates/testimonials IN ORIGINAL for verification
6. Candidate presently employed in Government department/PSUs/Autonomous bodies will be required to produce No-Objection-Certificate from the employer at the time of interview.
7. Candidate should bring Govt. issued Photo ID Proof such as Aadhar Card/PAN card/Passport etc in original.
8. Electronic items like Mobile Phone/Pen drive/laptop/smart watch etc., will not be allowed inside CABS campus.

General Condition

1. CABS, Bengaluru reserve the right to amend/modify/cancel this advertisement and also to cancel the admission/selection at any time without assigning any reason thereof.
2. Antecedents of selected candidates will be verified at the time of joining. In case deficiency of any type in the documents, the candidature would automatically stand cancelled.
3. A Panel for the vacancies available and future anticipated vacancies will be drawn based on the order of merit. The panel will operate for a period of one year. However, the mere fact of empanelment will not entitle any candidate to an offer of Fellowship, which is contingent upon occurrence of vacancies during the year. Director, CABS reserves the right not to select any candidate, if suitable candidates are not available.
4. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview/joining, irrespective of the selection.
5. The decision of the committee constituted by Director, CABS in selecting the candidates will be final and binding on all the candidates.
6. Misrepresentations or falsification of facts detected at any stage of the selection process or instances of misconduct/misbehavior at any stage during selection process as after selection shall result in cancellation of candidature without any notice and no correspondence shall be entertained in this regard.

It may please be noted that offer of Fellowship does not confer on Fellows any right for absorption in DRDO

Contact details: For any other related queries, please contract 080-25049393/9138/9135 on working days (From Mon to Fri) 1400 to 1600 hrs.

Sudhanshu Dhar
Sr. Admin Offr. Gr-I)
DH (Admin)
For Director

Application Format

01. Name of the post & subject applied for :
02. Name (in block letters) :
03. Gender :
04. Date of Birth :
05. Age as on 31st Dec 2025 (YY/MM/DD) :
06. Nationality :
07. Category :
08. (a) Father's Name :
    (b) Mother's Name :
09. If married, Spouse Name :
10. Qualification :

Affix Recent color Passport Size Photograph

Sl. No.	Qualification	Year of Passing	Discipline	Institute/University	Final % of Marks
i.	SSLC/10th				
ii.	PUC/12th				
iii.	BE/B Tech				
iv	ME/ M Tech				
v.	Any additional qualification				

11. GATE Details

Sl. No.	Enrollment No.	Subject	Year of appearance	Score	Marks (out of 100)	Qualified (Yes/No)	Rank Validity
i.							
ii.							

12. Experience, if any
13. Details of Appointments held :

Sl. No.	Post held	Employer's name & address	Period		Nature of Work	Salary drawn
i.						
ii.						

14. Mobile/Telephone number :
15. E-Mail ID :
16. Permanent Address :
17. Correspondence Address :

DECLARATION

It is certified that the above information is true/correct to the best of my knowledge and nothing has been concealed/distorted. If any information found incorrect at any stage, then I will be liable for removal from fellowship.

Signature of candidate

NOTE :

Attached self-attested soft copies of the following documents:

a. Educational Qualification Certificates
b. GATE Score card
c. Experience Certificates
d. Proof of Date of Birth
e. Address proof
f. Supporting document for CGPA to percentage conversion, if applicable
g. Supporting document for category, if applicable
h. Government issued Photo Identity Proof

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GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	19	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	29	23	TDS	Melbourne	17	5	LC
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	22	SNY	New York	2	-3	SNY
Houston	30	23	TDS	Singapore	27	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	-6	-8	SNY
London	12	8	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Ex-Fed governor Warsh to chair the US central bank

Once an advocate of higher interest rates, Warsh now backs Don's push for cheap money

WASHINGTON

KEVIN Warsh, a former US Federal Reserve official named by President Donald Trump on Friday as its next chief, was long an inflation foe but has aligned his views with those of Trump officials seeking aggressive interest rate cuts.

Trump made the announcement after the Fed held its benchmark rate steady this week under Chairman Jerome Powell, whom the president again slammed as a "moron".

The months of personal attacks have fuelled widespread fears among investors that the Fed's policy independence is under threat, potentially posing an inflation risk to the world's biggest economy. Warsh has edged out three other contenders for the Fed job: Fed Governor Christopher Waller, Rick Rieder of the investment behemoth BlackRock, and Trump's top economic adviser Kevin Hassett.

A Fed governor between 2006 and 2011, Warsh was previously a mergers and acquisitions banker at Morgan Stanley.He later joined former president George W. Bush's administration, serving as a White House economic policy adviser from 2002 to 2006 before being nominated to the Fed's Board of Governors.

During his first term, Trump had considered Warsh for the Fed chair position, but eventually chose Powell instead.

Kevin Warsh

But Powell's fall from grace was capped this month when US prosecutors issued subpoenas against him threatening a criminal indictment, an unprecedented move widely seen as an escalation of Trump's campaign against the central bank. Warsh's term as a Fed governor saw him work closely with its chief Ben Bernanke on the central bank's policy responses during the financial crisis that rocked the global economy in 2008.

He emerged as a key communications conduit between policymakers and financial markets, even as he became increasingly skeptical of some of the Fed's actions—including interest rate cuts.

He resigned as a Fed governor in 2011, several years before his term was to expire in 2018. At the time, he was seen as an inflation "hawk," a term describing policymakers more inclined to prioritise stable prices and low inflation. *AFP*

US sanctions Iran minister over protest crackdown

WASHINGTON

THE United States on Friday announced sanctions against Iran's interior minister and other officials, following the deadly crackdown on anti-government protests in the country in recent weeks.

Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni "oversees the murderous Law Enforcement Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran (LEF), a key entity responsible for the deaths of thousands of peaceful protesters," the US Treasury Department said in a statement about the measures.

Those sanctioned also included several high-ranking officers of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, as well as Iranian investor Babak Morteza Zanjani, who stands accused of having "embezzled billions in funds from the Iranian people."

Eskandar Momeni

In a first, Treasury also announced sanctions against digital currency exchanges linked to Zanjani "that have processed large volumes of funds associated with IRGC-linked counterparties".

The European Union on Thursday designated the Revolutionary Guards as a "terrorist organization," adopting visa bans and asset freezes on a number of Iranian state entities and officials.

The United States, which already has harsh sanctions against Iran in place, "supports the Iranian people in their protests against the corrupt and repressive regime in Tehran," the agency added.

When an individual or entity comes under US sanctions, assets held in the US are frozen.

Activity at nuclear sites

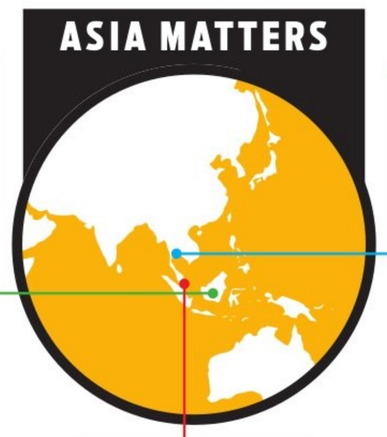
As tensions soar over Iran's crackdown on protests, satellite images show roofs have been built over two buildings at the Isfahan and Natanz nuclear facilities damaged in US bombing last year. It is the first major activity noticeable by satellite at any of the country's stricken nuclear sites.

President Donald Trump said he believed Tehran wanted to make a deal to avoid military action, adding the US "armada" near Iran was bigger than the one he dispatched to topple Venezuela's leader. *Agencies*

Venezuelan airspace for commercial travel: Don

Washington: President Donald Trump says he has informed Venezuelan leader Delcy Rodriguez that he's going to be opening up all commercial airspace over Venezuela and Americans will soon be able to visit. Trump said he instructed US Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy and US military leaders to open up the airspace. Earlier this week, Trump's Republican administration notified Congress that it was taking the first steps to possibly reopen the shuttered US Embassy in Venezuela as it explores restoring relations with the South American country

ASIA MATTERS



INDONESIA

LANDSLIDE: 44 DEAD, MANY STILL MISSING

The death toll from a landslide in Indonesia rose to 44, authorities said Friday, extending recovery efforts by a week to search for those still missing. Heavy rain triggered the landslide that barrelled through Pasirlangu village on Saturday, wrecking dozens of houses and displacing hundreds in the area southeast of the capital Jakarta. Thousands of rescuers have been digging through mud manually and with heavy equipment, helped by the military, police and volunteers. So far 44 bodies, said the head of the national search and rescue agency.

SINGAPORE

HAZE TO BLANKET CITY-STATE

The National Environment Agency has warned of hazes in Singapore if fires that were detected hot spots persist near the city state. "With winds continuing to blow from the north and north-east, some smoke haze may be expected if fires persist at the hot spots," the environment agency said in a statement it shared on social media.

THAILAND

TIGHTER CURBS ON ONLINE GOLD TRADING

The Bank of Thailand plans to tighten regulations on online gold trading to curb the impact of fluctuating prices on the local currency. The new measures will not have a big impact to gold trading, which has become increasingly popular, but will improve transparency of online platforms, the central bank's assistant governor, Pimpan Charoenkwan, said Friday. The regulations will cap online gold transactions conducted in Thai baht at 50 million baht ($1.6 million) per user per day. Any transaction exceeding that will require approval from the authorities.

Cranes load a cargo ship at Panama Canal's Port of Balboa, managed by CK Hutchison Holdings, in Panama City | AP

Panama court annuls canal port control by China-linked firm

PANAMA CITY

PANAMA'S Supreme Court annulled on Thursday the concession allowing Hong Kong-based CK Hutchison to operate ports at the Panama Canal, a ruling that undermines Chinese sway over the waterway.

As Beijing and Washington vie for global influence, container ports have become a prized currency—especially those situated in geopolitically strategic locations such as the Panama Canal.

Just days into US President Donald Trump's second term, he threatened to take back the canal—built by the United States and handed to Panama in 1999—claiming Beijing was effectively "operating" it.

Panama has rejected the claim that China had de facto control over the canal, which handles 40 percent of US container traffic, while taking actions to appease Trump.

The firm has sought to sell its Panama Canal ports to a consortium led by US asset manager BlackRock. The status of that proposal is unclear following the court ruling.

On Thursday the Supreme Court found the laws which allowed CK Hutchison Holdings to operate two of the five ports of the canal "unconstitutional," according to a court statement.

The CK Hutchison subsidiary concerned by the ruling rejected the judgement, saying that it "lacks legal basis".

The ruling "jeopardizes not only PPC (Panama Ports Company) and its contract, but also the well-being and stability of thousands of Panamanian families who depend directly and indirectly on port activity," it said.

Beijing, meanwhile, on Friday vowed to "take all necessary measures to resolutely safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese companies".

Hong Kong's government also rejected the decision. *AFP*

Russia agrees to halt strikes on Kyiv till Feb 1

MOSCOW

THE Kremlin on Friday said President Vladimir Putin had agreed to stop striking Kyiv for a week—ending Sunday—following a request by his US counterpart Donald Trump.

Trump had said he asked Putin to halt strikes on the Ukrainian capital and the surrounding area due to extreme cold weather.

Moscow, meanwhile, said the US leader had made the appeal in order to help the Washington-driven negotiation process to end almost four years of war between the neighbours.

Russia's battering of Ukraine's energy grid has left whole districts without heating, with temperatures expected to plunge to around -30C in Kyiv in the coming days, raising fears of a humanitarian crisis. "I can say that President Trump did indeed make a personal request to President Putin to refrain from striking Kyiv for a week until February 1 in order to create favourable conditions for negotiations," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

Neither the US leader nor Moscow clarified when Trump had asked Putin.

A generator runs during blackout, caused by Russia's regular air attacks on the country's energy system, as a street vendor works in Kyiv, Ukraine | AP

"I personally asked President Putin not to fire into Kyiv and the various towns for a week," Trump told a cabinet meeting at the White House a day earlier, adding it was "because of the cold, extreme cold".

This week, Ukraine has not reported the usual large-scale barrage of drones and missiles that Russia has launched at Kyiv throughout the war.

"There were no strikes on energy facilities last night," Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on social media Friday. He added, however: "But yesterday afternoon our energy infrastructure in several regions was hit."

The Ukrainian president had earlier welcomed Trump's announcement.

"If Russia does not strike our energy infrastructure—generation facilities or any other energy assets—we will not strike theirs," he told journalists, including AFP, in comments released Friday. *AFP*

Israel says it will partially reopen Rafah border crossing on Sunday

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL announced it would reopen the crucial Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt on Sunday after months of urging from the UN, humanitarian organisations and ordinary Palestinians—but only for the "limited movement of people".

Earlier on Friday, the Islamist movement Hamas had called for the "immediate transition to the second phase" of the ongoing US-brokered truce in Gaza, namely its provision for the reopening of Rafah, as well as the entry of a technocratic Palestinian committee to administer the territory.

Israel had previously expressed its unwillingness to reopen the gateway until getting back the remains of Ran Gvili, the last hostage to be held in Gaza, who was recovered earlier this week and laid to rest in Israel on Wednesday.

"The Rafah Crossing will open this coming Sunday (February 1st) in both directions, for limited movement of people only," COGAT, an Israeli defence ministry body overseeing civil affairs in the occupied Palestinian territories, said in a statement on Friday.

Entry and exit "will be permitted in coordination with Egypt, following prior security clearance of individuals by Israel, and under the supervision of the European Union mission", it added.

The crossing, situated on the territory's southern border with Egypt, is the only route in and out of Gaza that does not pass through Israel. It lies in territory held by Israeli forces since their pull-back behind the so-called "Yellow Line" under the terms of the ceasefire deal. *AFP*

Truck drivers wait next to their vehicles transporting humanitarian aid, before entering through the Egyptian side of the Rafah border crossing | AFP

BURKINA JUNTA TO DISSOLVE ALL POLITICAL PARTIES

Burkina Faso's junta says it plans to dissolve all political parties, whose activities have been suspended since the military seized power in 2022

'PARTIES FUELING DIVISIONS'

Parties had been barred from holding public meetings but were still allowed to operate internally

The presidency said the cabinet believes the proliferation of parties has led to abuses, deepened divisions and weakened the social fabric. Their assets would be transferred to the state

The move, it added, is intended to preserve national unity, strengthen government coherence and pave the way for political reform

TRAORÉ TIGHTENS GRIP

Captain Ibrahim Traoré took control in a September 2022 coup that ousted another junta and has since intensified its crackdown on dissent

DEMOCRACY'S RETREAT

Burkina Faso is among a growing number of countries in West and Central Africa that have been hit by a surge in coups

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my Clients - **(1) Mr. DEVANG S. VALIA,** S/o. Mr. Suket M. Valia, aged 40 Years, residing at #40, 4th Cross, Near Mothi Mahal Hotel, Gandhinagar, Bangalore – 09 & **(2) Mr. ANKIT C. VALIA,** S/o. Mr. Chetan Valia, aged 37 Years, residing at #304, Sougandhika Apt., 1st Main, Opp. Fortis Hospital, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 20, have lost / misplaced their one of the Registered Title Document i.e., Original Sale Deed dated 22.12.2016, No.BNG(U)BYP/3966/2016-17, Sub-Registrar, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore pertaining to 2 BHK Flat #011, EPID 7725757731, GF, 'WINST', 1137.50 Sft., of SBA, 284.375 Sft., of UDS one covered car parking built in Property No. 405/409/456/9,21/3, Kempapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, BNTQ, Bangalore and the Flat bounded on the: **East by –** Apartment No. 012, **West by -** Passage & Apartment No. 010, **North by –** Compound & 40 Feet Road & **South by –** Apartment No. 020, for which a Police Complaint is filed before the Karnataka State Police, Bangalore (e-lost) on 30.01.2026 vide Lost Report No.2034838/2026 to that effect.

Finder may return the above said original document to the address of the undersigned or to the address of my clients. If any person / institution have any kind of claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along with supporting documents shall be filed with undersigned within the 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

LEELA ASSOCIATES
SRIHARSHA DEVARAJ – ADVOCATE
#569/1, New #11, Burugal Mutt Road,
VV Puram, Bangalore– 04. Ph: 8722371981

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that my client has entered into an agreement for purchase of the Immovable Property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owners **MR. SAIF UR REHMAN,** aged about 33 years, Son of Mr. H.S. Abdul Hafeez Sayeed, **MRS. B. N. HASEENA,** aged about 64 years, Wife of Mr. H.S. Abdul Hafeez Sayeed, **MR. HABEEB UR REHMAN,** aged about 43 years, Son of Mr. H.S. Abdul Hafeez Sayeed and **MR. H.S. ABDUL HAFEEZ SAYEED,** aged about 70 years, Son of Late Mr. H.S. Shaik Habeeb, all are residing at Al-Habeeb, Shankar Mutt Road, K.R. Puram, Hassan-573205. Any person/s having any claim/rights/interest over the Schedule Property or any objections for said sale of the property, may file their objections in writing, along with supporting documents viz. Agreements, JDA, GPA, MOU & other contract agreements, addressed to the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which, it shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the said property and my client shall be advised to proceed with the purchase.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT Piece & Parcel of Property bearing **E Khata No.1924763538, Property No. 417/1 & 2, (BDA Site No.417), BBMP PID No.68-6-417/1 & 2,** the layout formed by the BDA, situated at **Koramangala Extension, 4th Block, 100 Feet Road,** Bengaluru-560095, presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, now Greater Bangalore Pradikara Ward No.151-Koramangala, measuring **East to West 120 Feet** and **North to South 80 Feet**, totally measuring an extent of 9600 square feet, and bounded on the

East by : Vacant Property,
West by : 100 Feet Road,
North by : Site No.418,
South by : Site No.416.

Mr. K.B. Thippe Swamy, Advocate,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the general public that, my clients Mr. B.N.PRAKASH MURTHY S/o Mr.B.G.Narasimha Moorthy, Aged about 59 years, address at 62, 1st Cross, 6th Block, 3rd Phase, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru -560 085 and his brother Mr.B.N.Prasad are presently joint owners of Schedule Property and my client while taking Xerox of the documents at the shop near Basavanagudi Sub-Registrar office, he has misplaced/lost his previous Original Sale Deed dated 09.12.1986 executed by Writers And Artist House Building Co-Operative Society Limited registered as Document No. 5232-1986-87 in Book No.1, at page No.147 of Volume No.2669 at the office of Sub-Registrar Bangalore South(Now Bommanahalli) but not yet traced out. So, regarding to this my client has lodged an online Complaint on 28/01/2026 at Bengaluru South unit of Bengaluru City and got acknowledgment in e-Lost Report No.2032126/2026.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all the General Public that the above Original title deed wherever found, kindly inform/contact my client at the above address or undersigned address or handover to below address within 15 days, as early as possible and further if any Person/s or institution/s having created charge on the Schedule property based on the above lost document, my clients are not responsible thereon, hence if any Person/s or institutions having any Right, Title, Interest, Charge, or lien whatsoever over the Schedule property may lodge his/her/their/its claim to the undersigned with documentary proof within period of 15 days from the date of this publication failing which it will be presumed that there are no objections/Claims, disputes in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Site No.1010 in layout formed by the Writers And Artist House Building Co-Operative Society Limited at Vishwabharathi Housing Complex Layout at Hosakerehalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and now under the limits of Greater Bengaluru Authority, GBA e-AASTHI property No.1010-1355, PID No.5054039385situated at 8th Cross, Ward No.162-Girinagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore and site 12.192 meters X 18.288 meters in total 222.9673 Square Meters and site property is bounded on **East by :** Site No.1009, **West by :** Site No.1011, **North by:** Road, and **South by :** Site No.991.

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
296.59 ▼	Sensex	82,269.78	₹9,650 ▼	24 carat (10 gm)	₹1,69,350	₹15,000 ▼	1 kg	₹3,95,000	▼ Dollar	91.89	
98.25 ▼	Nifty	25,320.65	₹8,850 ▼	22 carat (10 gm)	₹1,55,250	₹150 ▼	10 gm	₹3,950	▼ Euro	109.56	

NSE receives no-objection from Sebi for public offer

Sources say exchange may file papers by April-May for offer for sale

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

MARKETS regulator Sebi on Friday gave its no-objection to the National Stock Exchange's mega initial public offering after a decade of waiting as the exchange got into the regulatory crosshairs many a time in the past.

Regulatory clearance follows in-principle settlement of the long-pending colocation and dark fibre cases, paving the way for the exchange to file draft IPO papers. The country's biggest exchange is currently valued at ₹5 trillion in the unlisted market with one of the largest institutional and retail shareholding.

"We are delighted to receive Sebi approval for our IPO — a significant milestone in our growth journey. With the Sebi nod, we embark on a new chapter of value creation for all our stakeholders. This approval also reinforces confidence in NSE being an integral part of the Indian economy and beacon of Indian capital markets," said Srinivas Injeti, the chairperson of the NSE.

The regulatory nod follows the resolution of several legal overhangs, including matters related to colocation and dark fibre, that have weighed on the exchange for over a decade. Sebi has agreed to the settlement in principle, with final terms expected after approval from its high-powered advisory committee, sources said.

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Srinivas Injeti, chairperson, NSE

As per sources, the exchange may file its draft papers by April-May this year, and the proposed issue is expected to be entirely an offer for sale.

The exchange recognised a provision of ₹1,297 crore, including interest, towards the settlement of matters linked to colocation and dark fibre cases. The NSE had said this was over and above the ₹100 crore penalty imposed by the Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) in the colocation case, which had already been adjusted against amounts deposited with Sebi in FY23.

The NSE reported a consolidated net profit of ₹2,098 crore in the second quarter of this fiscal sharply lower than ₹3,137 crore a year earlier, primarily due to one-time provisioning related to settlement applications filed with Sebi.

Consolidated revenue from operations declined nearly 18 % year-on-year to ₹3,676.8 crore. Revenue from transaction charges fell 22% to ₹2,785 crore, reflecting lower volumes across both cash and derivatives segments.

The colocation case, currently pending before the Supreme Court, pertains to allegations that certain brokers received preferential access to NSE's trading servers between 2015 and 2016. Once Sebi formally clears the settlement, it will be required to file an affidavit in the apex court seeking withdrawal of its appeal.

In January 2023, SAT upheld non-monetary penalties against the NSE but set aside the disgorgement order, instead imposing a fine of about ₹100 crore for lapses in due diligence. Later that year, the Supreme Court directed Sebi to refund around ₹300 crore to the NSE in connection with the matter.

Ola Electric to lay off 5% employees

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

OLA Electric will reduce its workforce by 5% as part of its ongoing structural transformation. The Bengaluru-based company has faced a series of key developments lately - from the abrupt resignation of CFO Harish Abichandani to founder and CEO Bhavish Aggarwal selling his stake - even as it battles fierce competition from legacy players in the electric two-wheeler market.

This is not the first time Ola Electric has laid off employees to curb losses. In March 2025, the firm initiated a major restructuring, laying off 1,000 employees and contract workers across departments like sales, service and infrastructure. These layoffs follow a previous round of 500 job cuts in November 2024.

While Ola's restructuring efforts have reduced losses for the electric vehicle company, revenue, sales volume and market share have taken a sharp hit in the last one year. Ola Electric's net loss narrowed to ₹418 crore in the quarter ended September (Q2FY26) from ₹495 crore a year earlier but operating revenue fell to ₹690 crore from ₹1,213 crore.

Ola Electric said it continues to focus on its business turnaround, building on the early gains delivered through Hyperservice and its service-led execution reset, with same-day resolution now being delivered to over 80% of service requests nationwide.

"The company is doubling down on speed and discipline through increased automation across its frontend operations. As part of this structural transformation, about 5% of the workforce will be impacted. Ola Electric remains focused on delivering a stronger customer experience and building a leaner organisation positioned for long-term, profitable growth," said the company in a statement.

The Bhavish Aggarwal-led company, which was the leader in the e-2W market in 2024 with a 35.5% share, saw its market share fall to a little over 15% in 2025. In recent months, market share has dwindled to single-digit figures.

Fiscal deficit hits 54.5% of full-year target by Q3

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government's fiscal deficit by the end of December touched 54.5% of the annual budget target for 2025-26 to ₹8.55 lakh crore as aginst 56.7% in the year-ago period, as per the government data released on Friday.

The fiscal deficit (gap between expenditure and revenue) during 2025-26 was at 4.4% of GDP, or ₹15.69 lakh crore. The Controller General of Accounts (CGA) data showed, the Centre received ₹25.25 lakh crore or 72.2% of the corresponding budget estimates (BE) of 2025-26 of total receipts till December 2025. It comprised ₹19.39 lakh crore of tax revenue, ₹5.39 lakh crore of non-tax revenue, and ₹46,047 crore of non-debt capital receipts. A sum of ₹10.38 lakh crore was transferred to states as devolution of share of taxes during April-December, which is ₹1.37 lakh crore higher than the year-ago period.

Total expenditure incurred by the Centre was ₹33.8 lakh crore, out of which ₹25.93 lakh crore was on the revenue account and ₹7.87 lakh crore on the capital account.

Chile FTA soon, trade pact to open up critical mineral sector for India: Goyal

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE negotiations for the free trade agreement (FTA) with Chile will be closed soon and once it is done it will boost India's access to critical minerals, said Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday.

"We are engaged in active dialogue with many developed nations (for free trade agreements)...We will soon close the FTA with Chile. It will open up critical minerals for us," Goyal said at an event of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

The proposed pact with the South American country would help secure supplies of minerals such as lithium, copper, rhenium, molybdenum and cobalt—key inputs for sectors including electronics, automobiles and solar energy. Goyal said the agreement would support India's efforts to strengthen supply chains for emerging and strategic industries as demand for these materials rises.

Chile is among the world's major holders of critical mineral reserves, and the agreement is seen as part of India's broader push to diversify sourcing and reduce dependence on a limited set of global suppliers.

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Piyush Goyal, commerce minister

India and Chile signed the Terms of Reference (ToR) for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) in May 2025. The proposed CEPA seeks to build on the existing preferential trade agreement between the two countries and expand coverage to a wider set of sectors, including digital services, investment facilitation, MSMEs and critical minerals.

With India aiming to scale up manufacturing of electric vehicles, the need for the critical mineral is also on the rise. Currently, India is heavily dependent on Chinese imports for critical minerals.

The Economic Survey 2025–26 flagged intensifying global competition for critical minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, copper and rare earths, which are vital for EV batteries and clean technologies. The survey said these metals are central to energy security and geopolitics, with India balancing strategic autonomy and global integration through the National Critical Mineral Mission and international partnerships.

Currently, India has a trade deficit of $1.4 billion with Chile. As of 2024-25, India's exports to Chile went down by 2.46% to just $1.15 billion. Imports, however, grew 72% to $2.60 billion.

AI reshaping digital content: JioStar CEO

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

ARTIFICIAL intelligence is quietly reshaping the way people discover, watch and interact with digital content, Kiran Mani, CEO – digital, JioStar, said at the Indian Digital Summit 2026 organised by IAMAI in Bengaluru.

Mani compared the current moment in AI to the shift from BlackBerry phones to smartphones. He said technology had moved from being instruction-driven to intuitive, and that AI is now bringing a similar change to media. "AI is doing to media what smartphones did to telecom," he said, adding that content experiences are becoming simpler, faster and more natural for consumers.

He said the biggest change is happening at the consumer level. AI is reducing effort required to find something to watch by responding to real-time behaviour rather than fixed profiles. Instead of depending only on age, location or viewing history, platforms are reacting to actions like pausing, skipping, searching or asking questions. This, he said, is helping cut long browsing times before viewers choose content.

Jeep to expand exports from India to mkts across Africa, North America

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

SPORTS utility vehicle (SUV) maker Jeep plans to expand its export footprint from India to markets across African and North American continent, making its Maharashtra facility a key contributor to the brand's global distribution strategy.

Currently, Jeep exports vehicles such as Compass, Meridian and Commander from its Ranjangaon facility near Pune to markets such as Japan, Australia and New Zealand. To increase presence in the Indian market, Jeep said that product introductions are planned with the first model of the future lineup expected from 2027 onwards. In the meantime, Jeep will continue to refresh its lineup with special editions.

Despite being known for making SUVs all over the globe, Jeep is yet to make a mark in the fast-growing Indian SUV market. SUV body type now accounts for more than 50% of India's 4.5 million domestic passenger vehicle (PV) market but Jeep sales remain stagnated at about 300 units per month.

Shailesh Hazela, CEO & Managing Director, Stellantis India, said that the Strategic Plan Jeep 2.0 lays out how they would sharpen their product strategy and strengthen the customer experience year after year, driven by deeper localization, global product alignment, expanding vehicle offerings, and programs that deliver real value.

"Success in India demands resilience and long-term commitment, and we are investing with that clarity to ensure Jeep remains a brand of pride and desirability," added Hazela. Stellantis is the parent company of Citroen, Fiat, Jeep and many other automotive brands. The Jeep manufacturing facility at the Ranjangaon Plant is one of Stellantis' most advanced sites in India, with an installed capacity of 160,000 vehicles annually. Jeep is targeting localization levels of 90% (up from the current 65–70%).

Govt preparing to launch AI Mission 2.0 after $70 bn funding in computing infra

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA is preparing to launch "AI Mission 2.0" following a $70 billion investment in computing infrastructure in the first phase, said Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday. The new phase will focus on democratising access to artificial intelligence across the country. Vaishnaw said the second edition of the mission is expected to roll out within the next five-six months, as the current phase nears completion.

"You should be hearing about more additions to the common computer stack, and as we conclude the first part of the AI

Mission in another five-six months, we should be going for AI Mission 2.0," Vaishnaw said in a statement here.

The Centre will soon begin discussions with industry and other stakeholders. The next phase is expected to receive higher financial support, though no details were shared.

The Cabinet approved the IndiaAI Mission in March 2024 with a budget of ₹10,371.92 crore over five years. The mission aims to build computing infrastructure, improve skills, develop Indian AI models, refine datasets, and increase access to GPUs. Since its launch, the mission has expanded India's computing capacity from an initial target of 10,000 graphics processing units (GPUs) to 38,000 GPUs, helping provide affordable access to AI resources. The programme is being implemented by IndiaAI, an independent division under the IT ministry.

RBI COFFER

Forex reserves rise to all- time high of $709.4 bn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

DESPITE the heavy selling of dollars to prop up the weakening rupee, which touched an all- time of 92.02 on Friday, the forex reserves surged by $8.053 billion to reach an all-time high of $709.413 billion for the week to January 23, primarily because of surge in the valuation of gold reserves of over 810 tonne, the Reserve Bank said.

Value of gold reserves jumped by $5.635 billion to $123.088 billion during the week. In the previous reporting week, forex kitty had jumped by $14.167 billion to $701.36 billion, boosted by the forex swap from $10 billion a week before. Gold has been rising since last year when it gained more than 81% and has rallied over 40% in the first 29 days of 2026, crossing $5600/oz mark on Thursday.

This is the highest level for the reserves, which had touched $704.9 billion for the week ending September 26, 2024. Since then it had thrice crossed the $700 billion mark. The last week's rally was the fourth largest on record and was driven by surge in gold valuation.

During the early trade on Friday, rupee for the first time had breached 92 mark to fall to an all-time low of 92.02 but settled marginally higher at 91.97 from the previous close of 91.99.

GROSS MARKET BORROWING MAY HIT ₹17 TRILLION IN FY27

BUDGET FOCUS

ADITI NAYAR

Chief economist, head- research and outreach, ICRA

BOND markets have seen some volatility in the recent period, with the yields on the 10-year G-sec creeping up by nearly 13 bps in the last two months, from an average of 6.52% in November 2025 to 6.65% in January 2026. This uptick is despite continued monetary easing and liquidity support in the form of CRR cuts, swaps and open market operations (OMO), and is likely to have been driven by fiscal concerns, including those around the absorption of the supply in FY27, which will be announced in the upcoming Budgets of the Government of India and the states.

Firstly, in the FY26 Budget math, while a large miss on the tax collections front is imminent, this would be partly offset by higher-than-budgeted non-tax collections. Besides, the Government of India's (GoI) non-interest non-subsidy revex needs to grow by an elevated 30% in the last four months of the fiscal to meet the FY26 Budget Estimate (BE), which is unlikely to materialise, leaving room for expenditure savings. Consequently,we do not expect a material fiscal slippage in FY26, suggesting that the GoI will stick to its market borrowing plan in the remainder of the fiscal.

Thereafter, we expect the GoI to pencil in a modest consolidation in FY27, capping the fiscal deficit at 4.3% of GDP vs. 4.4% in FY26, taking into account the shift in the fiscal anchor to

the debt-to-GDP ratio. Based on our calculations, this would imply a net market borrowing number of ₹12.2 trillion, slightly higher than the FY26 levels. Even after adjusting for repayments from the GST compensation fund, redemptions are expected to surgeto ₹ 4.6 trillion from ₹3.3 trillion in the ongoing fiscal. This would push up the gross market borrowing number quite sharply to ₹16.9 trillion from ₹14.6 trillion in FY26.

Adding the projected gross issuance of state government securities to this, would take the total gross issuances close to ₹30 trillion in FY27 from ₹27 trillion in FY26. This is concerning, given that a part of the FY26 borrowings have been supported by OMO purchases to the tune of ₹6.2 trillion so far (till January 30, 2026).

However, the GoI has some levers to bring down its gross issuance number for FY2027 to more palatable levels.

For instance, the cumulative inflows under savings deposit and certificates and PPF have surged by 32% year-on-year (YoY) in 9M FY26, amid unchanged interest rates for small savings schemes. Consequently, even if such inflows remain flat during Q4 FY26 compared to the year-ago levels, this will imply an overshooting to the tune of Rs. 0.9 trillion over the budgeted target.

This would likely boost the GoI's cash balances, that can be carried into FY2027 and drawn down to reduce market borrowings.Alternatively, this could be used to conduct buyback of G-secs to reduce redemption pressure in the next fiscal.

Besides, the GoI could limit the expansion in dated borrowings by resorting to net T-bill issuances, which were pegged at nil for FY26 as per the BE and were negative in FY25. Even a modest amount net issuance of T-bills in FY2027, to the tune of ₹0.5 trillion, would help curtail dated issuances.

Finally, the GoI could pencil in switches/conversions for some G-secsthat are due to mature in FY27, to bring down the redemption number for the fiscal. Gross switching was budgeted at ₹2.5 trillion in FY26, of which ₹1.6 trillion has been done in the fiscal so far, implying that ₹0.9 trillion is left to be conducted in the remainder of Q4 FY26. Some of this available space could be used for securities maturing in the next fiscal.

A combination of these tools could be used to bring down the GoI's gross issuances to ₹15.5-16.0 trillion. These levels would aid in containing the uptick in G-sec yields in the next few months.

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-tenders are invited by the Chief Works Manager, Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah, Pin-711204 from reputed, approved and eligible contractors of Railways and those of appropriate list of Department of Govt./Public Sector undertaking for the undermentioned work : **Sl.No. 1, Tender No.: Engg-PWDstaff-25-26-LLH. Name of work :** Infrastructure facilities for Staffs including Lockers, Benches, Changing Area and earmarked for PWD staff on Ground floor and Mezzanine floor. **Tender value :** Rs. 3,72,57,504.53. **Earnest Money :** Rs. 3,36,300/-. **Sl.No. 2, Tender No.: Engg-MRS-25-26-LLH. Name of work :** Provision of Material Racking system at Rapair Bay (F-Shop area). **Tender value :** Rs. 1,80,62,486.74. **Earnest Money :** Rs. 2,40,300/-. **Cost of Tender document :** Nil for each. **Completion period:** 270 days (for Sl.No. 1) & 180 days (for Sl.No. 2). **Date & time of closing of tender :** On 19.02.2026 upto 12.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website **https://www.ireps.gov.in** along with corrigendum (if any). Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. No manual offer will be accepted. (MISC-376/2025-26)

Tender Notices are also available at Website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sri. J Krishna Chaitanya Varma S/o. J V Ranga Raju, is an absolute owner and in possession of immovable Vacant Site bearing No. 98, Previous Municipal Khata No. 909, Old No.16/4 presently having E-Khata No. 4941982358, situated at Chikkabommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,

Measuring : East to West: 40 Ft; North to South: (58+57)/2 Ft. Totally measuring 2300 sq Ft. And bounded on:-

East by	House No. 99
West by	House No. 97
North by	Private Property
South by	Road

Sale Deed dated 28-07-1995 executed by Smt. Lakshmamma W/o. Late Nanjundappa in favour of Sri. Jampana Ramakrishnam Raju registered as Document No. 3410/1995-96, Book I, Vol. 791 in pages 90-94 was lost by previous owner Sri. Jampana Ramakrishnam Raju.

Any person/s or legal entity/s having any claims, right, title, interest, or any objection/s and or opposing Ownership and possession in whatsoever manner may lodge his/her/their objections with relevant documentary proof to the undersigned within **10 (TEN DAYS)** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that no other person/s has got any claim, right, title, interest or charge over the above said property and our client who are absolute owners proceed to deal with the above property.

S. Nanjunda Swamy, Advocate,
S.N. Swamy & Associates,
No.69, Opp. Jain Temple, 3rd Main,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560 018.
Mobile No: 098456-63826.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client is intending to purchase the schedule property belonging to Sri.Sanath V Babu, Son of Late H S Chandrashekar, Aged about 58 years , Residing at No.3068, Ninth Main Road, Thirteenth "A" Cross, Banashankari Second Stage, Bangalore - 560 070

Any, person, having any claim over the schedule property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by speed post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 7 (seven) days hereof, failing which my client will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of entire property bearing Municipal No:353-63 (earlier CITB No:353 later Municipal No.63), situated at Second Main Road, Eighth Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, within the limits and administration of Bangalore South Nagara Palike, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:179-Shakambarinagar (old ward No.58), PID No:58-103-63, EPID No.2625313534, together with structures standing thereon and bounded on the

East by : Second Main Road;
West by : Site bearing CITB No:352;
North by : Forty First Cross Road;
South by : Site bearing CITB No:354;
MEASURING: East to West : 30 ft.;
North to South: 50 ft.;
In all ad-measuring 1,500 sq.ft.;

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Dt: 30-01-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sri. J Krishna Chaitanya Varma S/o. J V Ranga Raju, is an absolute owner and in possession of immovable Vacant Site bearing No. 96, previous Municipal Khata No. 911 and old Number 326/344/96 presently having E-Khata No.7237576463, situated at Chikkabommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring : East to West: 40 Ft; North to South: 60 Ft. Totally measuring 2400 sq Ft. And bounded on:

East by	House No. 97
West by	House No. 95
North by	25 Ft Road
South by	Property belonging to Narayanappa

Sale Deed dated 27-10-1995 executed by Dr. J Raj S/o. Late B J Nanjappa in favour of Sri. J Srinivasa Raju registered as document No.5133/1995-96, Book I, Vol. 823 in pages 132 - 137 was lost by previous owner Sri. J Srinivasa Raju.

Any person/s or legal entity/s having any claims, right, title, interest, or any objection/s and or opposing Ownership and possession in whatsoever manner may lodge his/her/their objections with relevant documentary proof to the undersigned within **10 (TEN DAYS)** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it will be presumed that no other person/s has got any claim, right, title, interest or charge over the above said property and our client who are absolute owners proceed to deal with the above property.

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2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle,
Bengaluru-01, Phone: 080-22133370

No. 51/2025-26 Date: 30.01.2026

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Item-rate tenders, for the work in PWD, **Anekal Sub-Division** under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per KPPP. Tender Notification is Published for **03 works (Rs.25.00 Lakhs to Rs.45.00 Lakhs)** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in KPP Portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

(1) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP Portal **on or before 4.00 P.M. on: 07.02.2026 (2)** The opening of tenders through KPP Portal on: **09.02.2026 at 4.30 P.M.** or further date and time will be intimated. For more details contact this office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/DD-C.P/5315/KSMCA/2025-26

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

Office of the Commissioner, Kaushalya Bhawan,
Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru - 560 029.
Phone No. 080 - 25189125 E-mail: ddpurchase2016@gmail.com

No: DET/TRG/PUR-06/CR-11/2025-26 Date: 30-01-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Prourement Portal)

The short term Tender is invited under Two Electronic Tender Document System as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 through e-Procurement Portal **2.0** from the eligible and registered Suppliers for the **Procurement of IRDM and Sheet Metal Worker (Mechanical Sector) Trades Tool Kits for SC & ST Trainees Studying in Govt. Industrial Training Institutes across the State under SCP TSP Scheme.** Short term Tender document is available for download in e-Procurement Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from 31-01-2026** and Last Date for Uploading the Tender Document is **07-02-2026 upto 17.00 Hours.**

To obtain the tender document and tender processing fee details visit e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and for further details contact e-Procurement **Help Desk - Phone No. 080-22230960 / 22234115** or may also contact this office during working hours.

Sd/- Tender Inviting Authority,
Deputy Director (Purchase)
Industrial Training & Employment.
DIPR/CP/5310/Adverto/2025-26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:CEE/Tr(OP)Z/KLB/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2025-26/13418 Date:29.01.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL Transmission (Operations) Zone, Kalaburagi, Invites bids from the eligible bidders for the following bid enquiries no:

Particulars of Work: **1.Bid Enquiry No:CEE/OPER/KLB/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2025-26/ Survey Works-9/ 220kV Sedam-Ramsamudra-RTPS-call-2 Dtd:28.01.2026.** for Conducting detailed survey for the work of Re-Construction of **220kV Sedam- Ramsamudra- RTPS** DC line on DC towers including Ramsamudra LILO line by replacing existing drake conductor by Drake equivalent HPC to an extent of 114kms, in Raichur, Yadagir and Gulbarga district coming under jurisdiction of operation division KPTCL Yadgir - based on the Modern Survey Techniques.

2. Bid Enquiry No: CEE/OPER/KLB/SEE(O)/AEE-1/2025-26/Works-8/ Afzalpur Capacitor Bank-call-2 Dtd: 28.01.2026. for the work of "Providing 20 MVAr Capacity,110 kV voltage class Capacitor Bank along with allied equipments at 110/33/11 kV **Afzalpur sub-station** in Afzalpur Taluka, Kalaburagi District on TTK basis."

For more information log on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'E Procurement KPTCL'** or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **31.01.2026.**

Sd/- Chief Engineer, (Elec.,)
Transmission (Operation) Zone, KPTCL,
"Prasarana Bhavan", Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Mysuru Division, Mysuru.
E-mail: eepwdmys21@gmail.com
Phone No. & Fax No. 0821-2420810

IFT No. 27/2025-26/Call2 Dt.28.01.2026

ITEM WISE SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department has published item wise Tender notification for a work approved under H/A: 4059-80-051-0-60-132-CMIDP **Improvements to Bandi Beedi Road in Muguru Village in T Narasipura Taluk** work under this division with KW-4 Regulations with Two cover systems. The **Amount Put to Tender is Rs.111.67 Lakhs and EMD amount is Rs.2.00 Lakhs.** For this work Tender shall be Submitted in KPP-Portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from 29.01.2026 to 05.02.2026 within 17.00 PM.** KPWD Class-III & above Contractor Registered in KPP-Portal are eligible. More details can be obtained from the office of the under Signed during office hours. Any amendments or modifications in tender notification will be published in KPP-Portal Only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Work Department
Mysuru Division, Mysuru
DIPR/DDMYS/1586/KSMCA/896/2025-26

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

भारत सरकार का उपक्रम A Government of India Undertaking

सिंडिकेट Syndicate

BENGALURU

E-AUCTION NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION)
UNDER RULES 8(6) & (9) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold by inviting tenders on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance (BAANKNET)** . through the website **https://BAANKNET.COM//**

Sl. No.	1)Name of the Borrower / Guarantor(s) 2)Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Reserve Price 3) Earnest Money Deposit	1) Last date of deposit of EMD 2) Last date of KYC documents 3) EMD Details 4) Bid Factor	1. Date of Auction 2. Time of Auction 3. Date & Time of Inspection
1	1) BORROWER (S) : M/s. URS SAFERYDE LLP No 22 Srikantan Layout ,Crescent Road Cross ,Kumara Park East, High Grounds ,Bangalore 560001. 2) Mr. RAKESH RAJE URS K (Partner and Guarantor of M/S. URS SAFERYDE LLP) S/O. G KRISHNE URS, 3) Mr. RISHI R URS (Partner and Guarantor of M/S. URS SAFERYDE LLP) S/O K RAKESH RAJE URS 4) MRS. MAYA B SRIDHAR (Guarantor of M/S. URS SAFERYDE LLP) No 2 ,3 & 4 Are Residing At : No . 22 , Crescent Rd Cross , Kumara Park East High Grounds , Bengaluru 560001. 2) Canara Bank - Madhavanagar Branch Mob No. 9500457809 , 9483510788	**1) Rs.5,62,32,428.65** plus further interest & charges **2) Mentioned each property below.**	1) 16.02.2026 up to 5.00 PM 2) 16.02.2026 up to 5.30 PM 3)EMD payment to E-Wallet or Through Challan generated in M/S PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) Portal. 4) Rs. 5,00,000/-	1. 17.02.2026 2. 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM 3. 13.02.2026 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM

Description of the immovable/ movable assets: Schedule A1 : (Description of entire property on which dwelling units comprising of ground, first and second floor are constructed).

All that piece and parcel of residential property earlier bearing site No.17 formed in premises number 8 of erstwhile Crescent Road,High grounds, Bangalore subsequently bearing Municipal No.22,PID No.77-101-22 New No.33,1st Main, Srikanthan Layout, Bangalore measuring east to west 40 feet, north to south on the eastern side 70 feet, on the western side 86 ½ feet in all measuring about 3130 square feet along with three car parking slots in the ground floor together with building comprising of ground, first and second floor each measuring about 1150sft and entire property bounded on the **East by :** Site No.18 (Old Number) ,**West by :** Site No.16 (Old Number) ,**North by :** Storm water drain And **South by :** Road.

SCHEDULE-B1 PROPERTY : (Description of property being mortgage owned by Smt Maya B Sridhar)

All that piece and parcel of residential unit on the SECOND FLOOR constructed on Schedule A1 Property bearing bifurcated Municipal No.22/2,PID No.77-101-22/2 with a super built up area of 1150 square feet (SBA) along with one car garage on the western side in the ground floor measuring about 150 Sft. Along with 1/3rd undivided ownership share, right title and interest in the site of schedule 'A' property amounting to 782.5 sft(UDS) with right to use the common amenities and proportionate share in common areas like ingress, egress areas and other such common areas of schedule A property.

A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs 2,66,50,000/- B) EMD - Rs.26,65,000/-

SCHEDULE-A2 PROPERTY : All the piece and parcel of the Schedule House Property bearing No.646, situated at Dattagally, 'I' Block, Ramakrishnanagar, 3rd Main, 3rd Block Chamaraja Mohalla Mysore with under mention linear measurement and boundary, measuring East to West 12 Mtrs. And North to South 18 Mtrs. totally measuring to an extent of 216 Square Mtrs. and bounded on :**East by :**Property bearing No.647 , **West by** Property bearing No.645 ,**North by :** Property bearing No.642 **South by:** Road.

A) RESERVE PRICE - Rs 2,31,66,000/- B) EMD - Rs.23,16,600/-

For all details contact at Regional Office, MG Road, Bangalore. Contact Numbers - 1) 79074 16232, 2) 70107 03787

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please logon to our website **www.canarabank.com** under "E-Auction" or contact the branch.

Place: Bangalore **Authorized Officer,**
Date : 30.01.2026 **Canara Bank**

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
Begur Branch

No.2&4, 1st Floor, Shanthi Priya Layout
Devarachikkanahalli Road,
Behind Begur Govt. High School,
Bangalore 560068.Tel:080-25740123
Mob:7625079200
Email:begur@canfinhomes.com
CINL85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE

[proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Begur Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **12-03-2026,** for recovery of **Rs. 30,85,629/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Eighty-Five Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-Nine Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from and **Mr. Santhosh K** S/o Kumara B S and **Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi** W/o Santhosh K , **Gowramma** W/o Kamara B S **(Guarantors)** as on 30-01-2026 together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs.36,90,000/- (Rupees Thirty-Six Lakhs Ninety Thousand only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.3,69,000/-** (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixty-Nine Thousand Only)

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSET

SCHEDULE OF "A" PROPERTY : (Description Of Entire Property) : All the piece and parcel of the immovable property being plot no 468, town municipal khatha no. 1563/468/138/468, totally measuring 2,179.14 Sq.Mtrs.(23,447.55 Sq.Ft.) carved out of residentially converted land in Sy.No. 117, duly converted for residential purpose official vide Memorandum bearing No. BDS/ALN/SR/120/1997-98 dated 13-03-1998 situated at Kenchanakuppe Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District in BMRDA approved project and bounded on the, East: Road, West: Park and Pathway, North: Road, South: Road

SCHEDULE OF "B" PROPERTY (Description of Unit/Apartment)

A Single Bedroom Flat Bearing No. 316 on the Third Floor of the Building in Cedar Court constructed on the Schedule 'A' Property with a super built – up area of 595 Square Feet (55.276 sq.mtrs.) (Carpet Area 465 Sq.Ft/43.199 Sq.mtrs.) Which is inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use. East: Flat no 315, West: Road, North: Corridor, South: Road

Encumbrances : Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx).Link for participating in e-auction : www.auctionbazaar.com

Date: 30.01.2026 Sd/-
Place:Bangalore Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Executive Engineer, (QA/QC), Zone-2,
Room No-315, Third Floor, Mini Vidhanasoudha,
Yalahanka, Bengaluru - 560064.

No: EE/QA/QC/Z-2/BNCC/TEND/04/2025-26 Date:30.01.2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)

(Only through KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**)

The Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC), Quality Assurance/Quality Control division, Zone-2 invites Request for Proposal from interested persons/firms those who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality control (PMC) for the below works through KPP portal by the Executive Engineer QA/QC, Zone-2, BNCC.

Sl No.	Name of the works
1.	Providing PMC Services including Supervision & Quality control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at BB Road from Kempegwoda Statue to Kogilu Circle in Ward No-01 of Yalahanaka Sub Division. **Project Cost: ₹.150.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.3,100/-**
2.	Providing PMC Services including Supervision & Quality control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at Vishweshwaraiah Park Surrounding area main and cross roads in B Sector Ward No-04 of Yalahanaka Sub Division. **Project Cost: ₹.150.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.3,100/-**
3.	Providing PMC Services including Supervision & Quality control for Improvements to Roads and Drains at Basaveshwara Park Surrounding area main and cross roads in A Sector Ward No-04 of Yalahanaka New Town Sub Division. **Project Cost: ₹.150.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.3,100/-**
4.	Providing PMC Services including Supervision & Quality control for Development of Parks and Playground and Gym and playing equipment's in Ward No-02,03,04 of Yalahanaka Sub Division. **Project Cost: ₹.200.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.3,800/-**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the website: **04.02.2026 at 4:00 pm.** (2) Pre-Bid Meeting on **07.02.2026** at **11:30** am. (3) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders is **12.02.2026** upto **4:00** pm. (4) Opening of Technical Bid is **13.02.2026** at **4:30** pm.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (QA/QC), Zone-2
Bengaluru North City Corporation

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower(s) has/have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest towards the Loan facility(ies) availed from ICICI Bank. The Loan(s) has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset(s) (NPA).

A Notice was issued to them under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, at their last known addresses. However, it has not been served and are therefore being notified by way of this Public Notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Globelink Travel Pvt Ltd Represented by Directors Baider Ali, Shahina Jamsheer No 51 ,2nd Cross P & T Colony R T Nagar Bangalore- 560032/ 029805004877	Property 1 "all That Piece And Parcel Of Residential Property Bearing Municipal No.21 (pid No.4-124-21) Old No.310 A, Situated At 2nd Cross Road, Gokul 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Bangalore, Measuring East To West 21.6 Feet And North To South 50 Feet, And Bounded On The: East By : Property No.311 West By : Property No.310b North By : Property Nos.314 And 3.15 South By: Road Property 2 Schedule "a" Description Of The Entire Property: All That Piece And Parcel Of Immovable Property Bearing Bbmp No. 27, Situated At Ananthram Layout Bda Layout, Ward No. 87, Pid No. 87-468-27, Bangalore (old Survey No. 118, Lingarajapuram, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk), Measuring East To West 37 Feet Or 11.27 Meters And North To South 50 Feet Or 15.24 Meters, In All Measuring 1850 Sq. Ft. And Being Bounded On The: East By : Premises No. 28 West By: Premises No. 26 North By : Road South By : Properties (lands) Belonging To Varangappa Schedule 'b' (description Of The Undivided Interest In Land Being Conveyed) 195.84 Sq.ft Undivided Share, Right, Title And Interest In The Immovable Property Mentioned In Schedule 'a' Property Above. Schedule 'c' (description Of The Apartment Constructed By The Purchaser) 2bhk Apartment Bearing No. 201, Front Facing On Second Floor In The Building "rasheed Residency" To Be Constructed On Schedule 'a' Property With A Super Built Up Area Of 815 Sq.ft. With Rcc Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Flooring And Teak/honne/sal Wood, Hdf Doors And Upvc Windows And Including A Proportionate Share In Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Lifts, Staircases And Other Areas Of Common Use, Along With 1 (one) Covered Car Park In The Stilt Property 3 All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Being Residential Site No.70, Pid No.150300201200220865 And Katha No.192/166/70, Formed In Sy.no.185 & 186, Situated At Thindlu Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural District, In The Layout Known As "orchid Nirvana", West Facing Measuring East To West 18.50 Mtrs And North To South 12 Mtrs Totally Measuring 222 Sq.mtrs At 2390 Sq.feet And Bounded On The; East By: Plot No.75 West By: Road North By: Plot No.69 South By: Plot No.71	December 03,2025/ Rs. 1,11,87,511.07/-	02/05/ 2025
2.	J Kiran Kumar Represented By J Kiran Kumar No 62 7th Cross Malagala Main Road Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage Ramakrishnappa Layout Bangalore – 560091/' 777705999779	(as Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel The Property Bearing No.106 And 107, Pid No.19-2-106/107, Municipal No. 106/107 Measuring East To West 7.77 Meter And North To South (9.06 + 9.14)/2 Meter And East To West (12.11 + 11.58)/2 Meter, North To South (6.63 + 6.85)/2 Meter, Situated At 2nd Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagara, West Of Chord Road, Old Ward No. 19, Presently Comes Under Bbmp Ward No.100 And Bounded In Below, Owned By Shantha L (admeasuring An Area Of East To West 7.77 Meter And North To South (9.06 + 9.14)/2 Meter And East To West (12.11 + 11.58)/2 Meter, North To South (6.63 + 6.85)/2 Meter North:road South: Property No. 106/a And 107/a East:road West: Property No.108	December 23,2025/ Rs. 1,71,38,367.42/-	29/10/ 2025
3.	Manoj Creations Represented by Proprietor Ramesh Kumar Bhansali Ground Floor, No 10 Huriopet Laxman Rao Road Bangalore – 560053/' 035905005739 & '742905000215	(as Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel Of For Property Bearing Residential Portion Of Third Floor Bearing No. 155, Along With Super Built Up Area 220.162 Sq Ft Along With Undivided Share 141.6 Sq Ft, Constructed In Properties Bearing No.155, Situated At Kumbarpet Main Road, Gollerpet, Bangalore, And Bounded On The, Owned By Ramesh Kumar Bhansali , (admeasuring An Area Of Undivided Share 141.6 Sq Ft, Super Built Up Area 220.162 Sq Ft North:kumbarpat Main Road And South: Back Portion Of Property East:govt Road West: Venkataramanappas House	December 29,2025/ Rs. 25,96,004.93/-	17/07/ 2023
4.	Sri Babric Plastics Represented By Proprietor Sanjay Sharma " Through Its Legal Heir" Site No-3,sy No 24/2 Old Khatha No. 7 New Khatha No. 1056/658/03 Gidadakonenahalli Village Yeshwanthpura Near Mallathahalli Lake Bangalore – 560085/ 625405500536	Schedule A: An Undivided Right Title And Interest Of 635.05 Sq.ft.all That Piece & Parcel Of Vacant Site Bearing No. 911/b, And The Bbmp New No.439/361/911/439 In The Layout Formed By M/s The Ideal Homes Co-operative Building Society Limited Known As Ideal Homes Township, In Sector D, Situated At Kenchanahalli, Bangalore South Taluk, Within The Revenue Jurisdiction Of Bbmp, In Ward No. 160, Bangalore Admeasuring: East To West : On The Southern Side:103 Ft., And On The Northern Side: 113 Ft., North To South: On The Eastern Side:122 Ft., And On The Western Side: 97 Ft., In All Measuring 11826 Sq.ft., And Bounded As Under: On The East By: Eastern Portion Of Property No.911, Now Numbered As 911/a, And Allotted To Sri. Devanand P On The West By: 19th Main Road On The North By: Site No.910 On The South By: 16th Cross Road. Schedule B: Flat Bearing No. 402 Constructed In The Third Floor Of The Multistoried Building Known As " Sri Nanjundeshwara Residency Rr-vi", No. 911/b And The Bbmp New No.439/361/911/439 In The Layout Formed By M/s The Ideal Homes Co-operative Building Society Limited Known As Ideal Homes Township, In Sector D, Situated At Kenchanahalli, Bangalore South Taluk, Within The Revenue Jurisdiction Of Bbmp, In Ward No.160, Bangalore.with Details And Other Attributes Given Hereunder: The Flat Is Bounded As Follows: On The East By: Site No. 911/a (Private Property) On The West By: Flat No. 403 In The Same Floor And Lift And Stair Case And Corridor. On The North By: Flat No. 401 In The Same Floor. On The South By: 16th Cross Road.	December 24,2025/ Rs. 96,94,553.45/-	08/05/ 2025

These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) is/are advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: January 31, 2026 Place: Bangalore Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,

Head Office : B.H. Road, Tumkur-572103, Karnataka,
Phone : 0816-2257636 / 4021102-103, Fax : 0816-2255905,
Email : tgmc.ho@tgmcbank.com, Website: www.tgmcbank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

Whereas, borrower **(1) M/s. I S E R T Academy Rep By Its Chairman Mr. Pavan N** S/o Nagaraj Rao,127/11, Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore 560 019, **(2) M/s. I S E R T Academy Rep By Its Secretary Mrs. Vijaya Rao N** W/o Nagaraj Rao M,127/11, Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore 560 019. **Personal Guarantee Of (1) Mr. Tiruneelakanta Swamy** S/o K N Adaveesharadhya, # 27/8, Basappa Layout, Hanumanthanagar, Baganlore 560019, **(2) M.R Pavan N** S/o Nagaraj Rao M, # 366, Manjunatha Temple Road, 2nd Main Road, SBM Colony, Banashankari, Ist Stage, Bangalore 560050, **(3) Mrs. N Vijaya Rao** W/o Nagaraj Rao M, # 366, Manjunatha Temple Road, 2nd Main Road, SBM Colony Banashankari, Ist Stage, Bangalore 560050, having failed to repay the debt in respect of borrowing from **TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OP BANK LTD., Jayanagar Branch, Bangalore.** The total amount due and payable by them jointly and severally as per the agreed terms and conditions is **Rs.93,19,985/- (Rupees Ninety Three Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Five Only) as on 10.12.2019,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon. (The present outstanding Amount is **Rs.1,59,03,744/-** as on **28-01-2026**)

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorized Officer has taken possession of the mortgaged property including those more fully described hereunder on, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Description of Property	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Date & Time of Auction
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing BBMP Khatha No 366, and its 54-16-366, Situated at 2nd Main Road, Sri Manjunatha Temple Street, SBM Colony, BSK 1st Stage, Bangalore 560 050, Ward No.54 - Srinivasanagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet totally measuring 2400 Sq feet and building there on and bounded on: East by : Road, West by : Site No.359, North by : Site No.365, South by : Site No 367.	**Rs. 3,56,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Six Lakh only)**	**Rs. 35,60,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)**	**21.02.2026 From 12.05 PM to 12.25 PM**

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8 / Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors.

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in **https://www.auctionbazaar.com/** any further clarification contact **Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-Op Bank Ltd., 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010 (Mob: 9880882881, 9449027476).**

The E-auction will be conducted through portal **https://www.auctionbazaar.com/ on 21.02.2026 from 12.05 PM to 12.25 PM** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at https://www.auctionbazaar.com/ and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction **(tentatively on 20.02.2026)** from **M/s ARCA Emart Pvt. Ltd. (Auction Bazaar),** TGMC Ltd., 2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, ESI Road, 4th Block, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010, **Contact No. : 7799728999, 8370969696, E-mail: disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com**

Date : 30.01.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that our Client proposes to purchase property described in the Schedule below from **Mr. Mohammed Habibulla, S/o. Late Mr. Mohammed Abdul Razack,** aged about 82 years, residing at No.135, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, 1st Block, R.M.V 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560094. Any person having any claim, right, title, in respect of the said property or has any objection to our Client's intended purchase, is hereby called upon to notify any claim or objection to us in writing, **within 7 (seven) days** from the date of this publication. Should no such claim or objection be received, it shall be presumed that no such claim or objection exists and our Client will proceed with the proposed transaction without further notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of residential property bearing site No.135, Block No.I, in II Stage, Rajmahal Vilas Extension measuring East to West 28.00 Meters, North to South 15.00 Meters, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and constructed thereon a residential building admeasuring 3797 sq.ft of super built-up area, and bounded on as follows: **North by :** Site No.134; **South by :** Site No.136; **East by :** Site No.150; **West by :** Road.

Claims or objections, if any, shall be communicated to the undersigned.

Ms. Vidhi Lakhani, Advocate
ALLIED LAW PRACTICES
1/1, 3rd Floor, Millers Arcade
Millers Road, Vasanth Nagar
Bangalore, Karnataka 560 052
Date: 31-01-2026, Place: Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTE THAT my client is intending to purchase the Landed property admeasuring 165 Acres 25 Guntas, from **1) Sri. P. Obaiah, 2) Sri. A. P. Srikantiah, and 3) Sri. A. P. Shivakumar, all sons of H. papaiah, redents of Arekallu Doddi Village, Koppa Hobli, Niluvagilu Post, Maddur Taluk, Manday District, Karnataka-570401,** morefully described in the Schedule hereunder free from any and all encumbrances.

Any person, having any claim or right, title and interest in respect of the Schedule Property, by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, lease lien, license, gift, possession or encumbrances, however or otherwise, is hereby required to intimate the undersigned within 10 (Ten) days from Publication of this Notice, about her/his/their such claim, if any, with all supporting documents, failing which the transaction shall be completed without reference to such claims and the claim, if any, of such person, shall be treated as waived and not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable/land property admeasuring 165 Acres 20 Guntas, bearing Sy. 1/B, of Kantirayanapura Village, Hullahalli Hobli, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysore District, Karnataka.

MILIND DANGE, Advocate
(Retd. District Judge)
Now Additional Govt. Advocate, & International Legal Consultant
No.248, 7th Cross, S.S.A. Road, Hebbal, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 032
***Mob:* 944959 2857 & 99804 19007**
***E-mail*: milinddange.legal@gmail.com**
Place: Bangalore Date: 31-01-2026

IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND CJM AT MYSURU
P & SC No.36/2025

BETWEEN: 1. AISHAN BILGRAMI, (earlier Tanuja), W/o Taj Alam, D/o late H.R.Gowrishanker Homma Ramanna, Residing at No.133/243B, Transport Nagar, Kanpur, Kanpura Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 208023. Represented by her GPA Holder Sri. N.N. Prasad, S/o Sri.P.Narasaiah ... **PETITIONERS**

2. Sri. N.N. PRASAD, S/o Sri.P.Narasaiah, aged about 73 years, Residing at No.99/3, 1st I Cross, Sharada Colony, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru 560 079.

AND: Nil ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been made to this Court by the petitioner under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act 1925 to grant them succession certificate of Gowri Shankar Homma Ramanna who died on 4-4-2010, in respect of the schedule bank account.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on the **20/02/2026** at **11:00 A.M** forenoon to showcase against the petitioners failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

Accounts Laying in SB Account bearing No.0518101020637 with Canara Bank, Mysore.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 28/01/2026

By Order of the court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of Senior Civil judge and CJM Mysore

RANGANATHA PRASAD .B.S & MAMATHA .R. PRASAD, Advocates
No. 6, 2nd Floor, Opp to BHEL, Mysore Road, Bengaluru. Mobile: 9945130193.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT, my client is intending to purchase all that piece and parcel of the vacant property bearing Site No.202, bearing Handenahalli Panchyath Khatha No.184/202, situated in the layout known as „NET CITY" at Best Township of S. Medahalli Village, sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk (approved by BMRDA Vide Nos. (i) BMRDA/LAO/160/97-98, dated 11.05.2000, (ii) BMRDA/LAO/48/98-99, dated 16.01.2001, (iii) BMRDA/LAO/146/97-98, dated 11.05.2000, (iv) BMRDA/LAO/08/2003-04, dated 05.07.2003), measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 2400 Square feet and bounded on East by: Site No.203, West by: Site No.201, North by: Road and South by: Site No.227., which is more fully particularized herein below and hereinafter referred to as **"SCHEDULE PROPERTY"** from Smt. Hemalatha Rajamoney, W/o. Sri. Senthil Rajendran, Residing at No.906, 2nd C Cross, Koramanagala, 8th Block, Bangalore-560 095.

Any person/ firm/ institution/ company/ Bank/ financial institution having any claim/lien/right/ interest over the schedule Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, mortgage, lease, lien, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby notified to intimate in writing to the undersigned immediately about his/her/their claim if any with all supporting documents, failing which the transaction shall be completed presuming that no claims from anybody and such claims if any in future shall not be binding on my client.

Advocates for Prospective Purchasers.

KIRAN GOWDA .M, Advocates
No.19/1, 2nd Floor, S-6, K.C.D Complex, C.S.I Compound, III Cross, Mission Road, Bangalore-560 027. Mob: 97390 28674

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, Sri. T Chikkamuniyappa, (Mob: 9972740350) S/o. Late Thimmaiah, Residing at No.10, Nisarga Layout, Ananthapur Village, Singanayakanahalli Post, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore-560064, has represented that he has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 20.01.2014 executed by Sri. Veeranjeneya Swamy Trust (R) represented by its Chairman Sri. T Srinivasa Reddy and Treasurer Sri. Venkatapathi, in favour of Sri. Shashiprasad, S/o Sri. Rajanna, registered as Document HBB-1-04360-2013-14 stored in CD No HBBD 142 in the office of SRO, Hebbal, while taking xerox copies of the Deed.

Complaint lodged vide Lost Report No. 2035631/2026 dated 30.01.2026 before Police unit, Bangalore City.

If any person/s is in possession of the said Original Documents, he/she may please hand over the same either to the undersigned or to the Owner within **10 days** from the date of issue of this Public Notice, failing which my Client believing that there are no claims or objections whatsoever, will proceed without original documents and use the Certified Copies of the same to enforce for all future transactions.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.5, in Old Katha No. 473/586, Old BBMP Katha No.1778/5 and present BBMP Katha No. 2315/473/586/5, coming under Ward No 3, situated at Ananthapur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 38×40 - 1520 Sq ft and bounded on :

East by	Others Property
West by	Road
North by	Others property
South by	Site No 4.

V MOHAN, Advocate,
No. 229, UAS Layout, Basaveswara Nagar, Shivanahalli Village, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560064. Mobile: 94485 42407, e-mail: smslegal333@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mumtaz Kizhar Ahamed, W/o.Kishar Ahamed going to purchase Land bearing Old **Sy.No.25/3**, new **Sy.No.25/4,** measuring 0.11.00 (eleven) guntas, situated at Doddathogur village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, from owner P.Mohammed Akbar, S/o.Abdul Latif, residing at No.3, Muthukollai, West Street, Ambur Vellore, Tamilnadu, if any person having any kind of right, title, interest or objection in respect of said property please contact 9487869655 Mumtaz Kizhar Ahamed.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Land bearing Old **Sy.No.25/3**, new **Sy.No.25/4,** measuring 0.11.00 (eleven) guntas, situated at Doddathogur village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk bounded on :- East by: Road then Rajakaluve, West by: Private Property, North by: Remaining Land in same Survey number, South by: Private property.

V. RAVISH KUMAR, Advocate
STB Complex, Near Court Building, Anekal Town, Bengaluru District.
Ph.No.9886278292

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE IX ADDL. JUDGE, COURT OF SMALL CAUSES AND ACJM AT BENGALURU (SCCH-07)
S.C No. 710/2024

BETWEEN : STATE BANK OF INDIA Rajajinagar Industrial Estate Branch, Rajajinagra, Bangaluru-560010, Represented By its Deputy Branch Manager, Mr. Subhash Dubey, S/o Ramanand Dubey, Aged About 49 Years. **...PLAINTIFF**
AND : Mr. Sathish M **...DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT No.1, 2, & 3 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1) OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 1908

Mr. Sathish M Aged Major No.115, 1st Cross Magadi Road D Street, Keshavanagar, Bengaluru - 560023 Ph No : 6360315850

Whereas the plaintiff instituted a suit against you for recovery of Rs.86,574/- (Rupees Eighty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Four only) as on 22.11.2023 along with interest @ of 13.50% p.a., from 22.11.2023 to till the date of realization.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court on **07/03/26 at 11.00 A.M** in person or through the Advocate/pleader to answer the question to the same failing which the suit will be heard and determined as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 24th day of January 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Registrar
Court of Small Causes, Bangalore

Padmashree M Advocate for Plaintiff
No.29, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Bhoopasandra, Bangalore -560 094

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informing that our clients intends to transact with the owners of the Schedule property i.e., Mr. Shravan Guptha S/o late Nagaraja Guptha, residing at: No.10, 1st cross, Guptha Lay out, South End Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004, and M/S. S.R.V. Retail, represented by its partners, Mr. M. D. Kasturi Ranga having registered partnership firm at shop No.306, 3rd floor, No. 8, Prabhat complex, Kempegowda Road, Bangalore-560 009 who represented that they are the joint and absolute owners of industrially converted land in Sy.No.94/4 measuring 3 acres 16 guntas of land situated at Kacharakanahalli village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hosakote taluk, Bangalore Rural District mentioned in the schedule hereunder.

Any person/s having objection for the transaction with the above person/s in respect of the Schedule property or claims to have any right, title or interest in the schedule property, he/she shall intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned **within 10 (Ten) days** from the date of publication of this Notice. In the event no such claim is received within the stipulated time, our client shall proceed with aforesaid transaction as if no such claim exists or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing undeveloped industrially converted land (official Memorandum/ Conversion order bearing No.ALN/(HJ) CR/86/2-11-12 dated: 9/4/2022 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District in Survey No.94/4 measuring 03 ACRES 16 GUNTAS, situated at Kacharakanahalli Village, Jadigenahlli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the: **East by: Road, West by:** Land in Sy.No.90 and 91, **North by:** Land in Sy.no.94/3, **South by:** Land in Sy.no.68

A.G. NAGARAJA, Advocate
No. 20, 1st floor, 1st main, 1 'A' cross, Behind silicon city Hospital, AIR Station layout, Hosakote town, Bangalore rural district-562114
Contact No.9845426333, 9449989306,
Email. agnattur@gmail.com
Date: 30-01-2026

IN THE COURT OF THE IX ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-5)
O.S. NO. 4163/2024

Between : Manish Batra S/o Suresh Batra Aged about 53 years Residing at No. 1004 Jacaranda tower-6, Adarsha Palm Retreat, Bellandur, Bengaluru-560053 & Anr. **...PLAINTIFF**
And : Kirti. K Mehta Major, authorized signatory M/s Unishire Homes LLP No. 36, Railway Parallel Road Nehurunagar, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560020 & Ors **...DEFENDANT**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No. 1, 2, 3 & 6 UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Defendant : D-1. Kirti. K Mehta Major, authorized signatory M/s Unishire Homes LLP No. 36, Railway Parallel Road Nehurunagar, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru -560020

D-2. M/s S.A Enterprises, Rep. By its Proprietor, Ahdul Lateef Jabbar, No.29, 15th cross, Kanakanagar, RT Nagar, Bengaluru - 560032

D-3. M/s S.A Enterprises Rep. by its authorized Signatory, Anoop Lobo, No.29, 15th Cross, Kanakanagar, RT Nagar, Bengaluru - 560032

D-6. Darshan. M Major, S/o Manjunath, M/s S. A Enterprises, Office at No.29, 15th cross, Kanakanagar, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru 560032
Also at No. 20, (42) Castle Street, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru - 560025

Whereas the above-named plaintiff filed the instant suit for the relief of Specific Performance of Contract and for other consequential reliefs in respect of the suit schedule properties against the defendant. Whereas, the said Defendant is hereby summoned /noticed to appear in the said. case in person or by a pleader duly instructed. The said suit stands posted for the appearance of the Defendant on **9.03.2026 at 11.00 a.m.** The said Defendant is required to appear before this IX ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSION JUDGE (CCH-5) JUDGE at Bengaluru, in default of appearance of Defendant on the day and hour above mentioned the above case will be heard and determined Ex-Parte.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

All the part and parcel of the immovable property bearing corporation No.63/1/78 formerly being portion of Sy. No.78 measuring 2 acre 83.5 guntas situated at Thanisandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, vide converted in no.BDS/ALN/SR/E283/02-03 dated : 11.02.2003 now presently comes under BBMP Ward No 6 which includes all rights, privileges and appurtenances share to measuring 1,23,602 Sq. feets and bounded on
East By : Remaining portions of Sy. No. 78,
West By : Remaining portions of Sy. No. 78,
North By : Sy. No 82, **South By :** Road,

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

All the rights and liabilities in an undivided share out of 1,23,602 Sq. feet to an extent of 517 Sq feet in immovable property bearing corporation No. 63/1/78 formerly a converted land in Sy. No. 78 vide official memorandum No.BDS/ALN/SR/E 283/02-03 measuring 2 acre 33.5 guntas situated at Thannisandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, presently comes within jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 6.

SCHEDULE C PROPERTY

Apartment bearing its No. E2-907, 9th Floor, D (4) Block in residential complex "Unishire Terraza with carpet area measuring1152 Sq. feets. with a super built-up area 1700 Sq. feets constructed on the immovable property bearing Sy. NO.78 converted land in No.BDS/ALN/SR/E-283/02-03 dated: 11.02.2003) measuring 2 acre 33.5 guntas situated at Thanisandra Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Talk, presently comes within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.6. consisting of building in of RCC roofing structural foundation with cement blocks mortar vitrified flooring, spate electricity common water supply and sanitary connection right to use 01 car parking area in basement, use of terrace approachable to said apartment which includes all rights, privileges easementary rights appurtenances there together with common area facilities, open space common staircase, lifts and the same is bounded on **East by :** Corridor, **West by :** Open space **North by :** lifts, **South by :** Open Space,

Given under my hand And Seal of This Hon'Ble Court On This Day 08th January 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
City Civil Court, Bangalore

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF:
Anand M Sholapurmath Advocate
Office at: #241/24, "Benaka", 1st Floor, 53rd Cross, 10th Main, 4th Block, Near Ram Mandir, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru -560010.

SADASHIVANAGAR CLUB

No.21, 15th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080. Mob:9902921397

NOTIFICATION

FOR RUNNING VEG & NON-VEG MULTI CUISINE CANTEEN.

Sealed quotations are invited from Experienced Catering Contractors for running the Club Canteen.

Interested contractors may collect the tender documents from the office from **31st Jan 2026** to **06th Feb 2026** by paying **Rs.1000/-** + GST and submit filled up documents on or before **10th Feb 2026.** with details of Menu, Quantity & Rates.

Sd/- Pradeep Raju.G
Hon. Secretary
Date: 31.01.2026 **Place:** Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients **Mrs. Neena Stephanie Fernandes and Mr. Terence Hubert Robert Fernandes** are the absolute owners and only surviving legal heirs of the Schedule residential property bearing No. 92 Coles Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru having inherited the same on the demise of their parents Mr. Felix John Roque Fernandes and Mrs. Sybil Fernandes

If any person has any claim in the Schedule Property, he/she shall intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within **seven days** of the publication of this notice, after which date no claims will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 92 (old No. 31/3) Coles Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru 560005, (BBMP PID No. 91-80-92), together with a residential house thereon and bounded on the : **EAST by :** Premises No. 29 : **WEST by :** by the common passage to the rear building:**NORTH by :** Coles Road **: SOUTH by :** Premises No. 31.

And measuring :- East : 85 feet ; West : 80 feet : North : 50 feet : and South : 50 feet : and in total measuring 4125 sq. ft.

M/s. Da Costa & Da Costa, Advocates ,Tax Consultants & Notary,
No.403, 4th Floor, Prestige Meridian 2, Nos.30 – 31, Mahatma Gandhi Road, BENGALURU - 560 001.
Date: 30-01-2026, Place: Bengaluru

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
Notice to the Respondent Nos. 8, 12 & 14
Vide order dated: 13.01.2026
R.F.A. No. 1687/2021

K.T. Srinivasa, Since dead by LRs.,
K.S. Giridhari & Ors., ...Appellants
(By Sriyuths: H.S Somnath, Sangamesh R.B. Narayanaswamy .H and Rukhiabi, Advs., for appellants)

V/S

Smt. H. Latha & Ors., ...Respondents
(By Sriyuths: H.N. Basavaraju & Agasthya T.S. advs. for R5 (VK Filed), Kiran J. adv. for R17)

To: Respondents:

8. SMT. K. NIRMALA D/o. Late Muniswamy, R/at No. 128, V.R Layout, Vijaynagar, Bengaluru - 40.

12. K. NARASIMHA S/o B Krishnappa, R/at No.685, 11th Cross, 4th Main, MC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 40.

14. K. SRINIVASA S/o B. Krishnappa, R/at No.685, 11th Cross, 4th Main, MC Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 40.

Appeal from the Judgment and decree dated: 17.03.2021 passed in OS. No. 2000/2004 on the file of the XXX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bengaluru.

Notice is hereby given to you to appear in this court either in person or through Counsel duly instructed or through some one authorized by law, to act for you in the above appeal **on 26.02.2026** in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail to appear, the same will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court, this the **13th day of January 2026.**

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

IN THE COURT OF THE XXII ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-7)
P & Sc. NO.9/2026

BETWEEN: Mr. S. VASUDEV, AGED ABOUT 23 YEARS, S/O. LATE A.SURESH KUMAR, RESIDING AT # 14, 4TH MAIN, AGS LAYOUT, SUBRAMANYAPURA, BENGALURU - 560061 ... **PETITIONER**
AND: NIL ... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named Petitioner have made a Petition to this Court (CCH NO.7) under Section 372 of the Hindu Succession Act for grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the petitioner in respect of schedule mentioned below. The below schedule assets held by A.SURESH KUMAR, the father of the petitioner herein, who expired on 20/06/2023.

Interested Parties are hereby called upon to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed on the day of **09/03/2026** at **11:00 A.M** in forenoon to Show Cause against the Petition failing wherein, the matter will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

A sum of Rs.16,45,110/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Forty Five Thousand One Hundred and Ten Only) in the PPF ACCOUNT bearing No.31073190507 at State Bank of India, Sri Nagar (Bangalore) (7637) along with accrued interest.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 29/01/2026

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

SRIJA K.R, Advocate
No. 65, 13th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengalore-560011

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my client **Mr. Rajendra Kumar Jain**, R/at.No.977/A, 10th B Main, 2nd floor, 4th E Block, Rajajinagara, Bangalore-560010, has lost the following Original Sale deed at 4th E Block, Rajajinagara, on 10/12/2025 while shifting the house and not traceable, even this day. In view of the matter, my client has given Police Complaint on 10/01/2026, and got acknowledgement.

Original Sale deed dated 19/03/1997, executed by S.Vijayachandra, represented by his G.P.A Holder Smt.SulochanaBai in favor of Mr. Rajendra Kumar Jain, registered as **No.6689/1996-97**; **page No.113 to 120**, in Volume No.5515 of Book No.-I in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk.

The above said Original Sale Deed pertains to property bearing No.149, of V.P.Katha no.559, and E-Katha No.150200202801300580, formed in Sy.No. 158/32 SITUATED AT Huskur Village,(Known as Anoopnagar Housing Colony) Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West:40 Ft, North to South:36+33/2 Ft, in all measuring 1380 Sqft and bounded on East by; Road, West by; Site No.109, North by; Private Property, and South by; Site No.148.

The General Public are hereby informed that if any person holding/trace out the above said Original Documents, may inform to the under signed within a period of 10 (Ten days) from the date of this notice,failing which the title of the above said property will be presumed to be clear and marketable and my client will proceed further in respect of the said property.

M/s. SIMHA ASSOCATES,
Advocates 38/15, Ground Floor, West Anjaneya Temple Street, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560004.
N.S.Jayasimha Mob: 9900900994
Bangalore Date: 30-01-26

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the Authorized Officer of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Limited (acting in capacity as Trustee for the below mentioned Trusts) (hereinafter referred to as "ARCIL") is incorporated under the companies Act, 1956 and registered as an Asset Reconstruction Company with the Reserve Bank of India of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial assets and Enforcement of security interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the SARFAESI Act") and whereas the Borrower / Co-Borrowers as mentioned in Column No. 2 of the below mentioned chart obtained loan from **IIFL-Home Finance Ltd.,** the Original Lenders and whereas ARCIL has acquired the financial assets relating to the loan accounts mentioned herein below and whereas ARCIL being the secured creditor under the SARFAESI Act, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 2 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued demand notice calling upon the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers as mentioned herein below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with further interest thereon within 60 days from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served upon some of them for various reasons.
Name of Trust: **Arcil - Trust -2026 - 015**

Name of Borrower's / Co-Borrower Name's/ Guarantor's/ LAN No.'s	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of the Property
Mr. Shantharaju Sanjay Mens Parlour Mrs. Venkatachalaiah Geetha **(Prospect No IL10558780)**	**05-Jan-2026, Rs.2123635.97/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five Rupees And Ninety Seven Paise Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Property No. 11, Khata No. 68/1, Tavarekere Grama Khata No. 2416, Situated At Tavarekere Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka. 562130 Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Land_Area, Built_Up_Area Property Area: 1200.00, 2100.00 Bounded By North:Vacant Land SouthRoad EastRoad WestVacant Land

Notice, is therefore given to the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers, as mentioned herein above, calling upon them to make payment of the total outstanding amount as shown herein above, against the respective Borrower / Co-Borrower, within 60 days of publication of this notice. Failure to make payment of the total outstanding amount together with further interest by the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower, ARCIL shall be constrained to take u/s 13(4) for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described above, steps are also being taken for service of notice in other manners as prescribed under the Act and the rules made hereunder. You are put to notice that the said mortgage can be redeemed upon payment of the entire amount due together with costs, charges and expenses incurred by Arcil at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or private treaty for transfer by way of sale, as detailed in Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act.
Take note that in terms of S- 13 (13) of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby restrained from transferring and/or dealing with the Secured Properties in any manner by way of sale, lease or in any other manner

Place : Bangalore — Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date : 31.01.2026 — Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd. (In capacity as Trustee)

ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY (INDIA) LTD.
CIN No.-U65999MH2002PLC134884 | **Website:** www.arcil.co.in
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30001/4/2526 **NIT No.03/OMC/CIVIL/2026**

Tender for the following works are invited on-line through e-procurement portal of Govt. of Odisha.

Sl. No	Name of the work	Estimated cost (In lakh)	Time period of the work (in month)	Class of Con-tractor	EMD online (In Rupees)	Cost of Bid document (Rs.)
1	Construction of Cement Concrete Ramp to Weigh Bridge no. 1 and Weigh Bridge no. 2 of Ampavally Mines in the district of Koraput.	53.09	06 (Six)	'B'	53100/-	10,000/- +18% GST
2.	Construction of Cement Concrete Ramp to Weigh Bridge no. 7 and Weigh Bridge no 8, of Kodingamali Bauxite Mines, in the District of Koraput.	51.28	06 (Six)	'B'	51300/-	10,000/- +18% GST
3.	Construction of CC road Pandia Basti to Bholbeda Dalco nallah Bridge in Jajang Village under Jilling- Langalota Iron Ore mines of Barbil Region In the District of Keonjhar.(Under CSR Scheme)	240.84	09 (Nine)	'B' & 'A'	2,40,900/-	10,000/- +18% GST
4.	Construction of CC road from Main road football playground to Mahabru Sahi of Bholbeda Village under Jilling-Langalota Iron Ore Mines of Barbil Region In the District of Keonjhar.(Under CSR Scheme)	73.96	08 (Eight)	'B'	74,000/-	10,000/- +18% GST

1. Availability of Bid document in Govt. portal from dt.03.02.2026 to 12.02.2026 up to 5.00 PM. **2.** Last date of on-line submission of tender in the portal is dt.12.02.2026 up to 5.00 PM. **3.** Date of opening of Technical Bid is dt.13.02.2026 at 11.00 AM. All other details can be seen from bid documents available at Govt. web site www.tendersodisha.gov.in.
Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd. reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

OIPR- 30001/30005/1/25-26/0004 **Sd/- GM (Civil)**

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, RAYAGADA

Email ID: ccerwcrayagada@gmail.com

No.25001/6/2526 **Letter No.140 Date: 21.01.2026**

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING e-Procurement Notice

1. Name of the work : Road works for the year 2025-2026" (05 Nos of Road Works)
2. Class of contractor : **"A" Class & "Spl" Class of (Odisha PWD) or relevant class of other licensing authority.**
3. Estimated Cost : **Varies from Rs.737.87 Lakhs to Rs.1755.49 Lakhs (Approximately)**
4. Details projects : As per Annexure attached.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding		Last Date and Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bids
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Rayagada	NCB-32/ RWCRGDA /2025-26	Dt. 02.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt.17.02.2026 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.16.02.2026 Up to 5.00 P.M.	Dt.18.02.2026 at 11.00 A.M	Will be intimated later

5. The details of works can be seen from the web site **https://www.tendersorissa.gov.in**
6. Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e-tender web site.

OIPR- 25001/25196/1/25-26/0006 **Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, RW Circle, Rayagada**

RAJASTHAN URJA VIKAS AND IT SERVICES LIMITED

(Formerly Known as Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd.) (A Government of Rajasthan Undertaking)
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) - U40104RJ2015SGC048738
Regd. Office - Vidyut Bhawan, Janpath, Jyoti Nagar, Jaipur-302005
Work Office at: 1st Floor, HUDCO Building, Jyoti nagar, Jaipur- 302005
E-mail:ce.RUVNL@rajasthan.gov.in; Website: www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/RUVNL

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

RUVITL on behalf of Rajasthan Discoms invites online bids under the guidelines for medium term power procurement for procurement of 160 MW Round the clock(RTC) power on Finance, Own and Operate (FOO) basis for 05 years as per specification under TN-01/Medium Term/ RUVITL/FY 2025-26. Prospective bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated regarding timelines, clarification, amendments etc, if any.May visit website **www.mstcecommerce.com / www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/ruvks /#/home/dptHome** for further details.

Raj.Samwad/C/25/18801 RUVITL-PR-113 (2026) **Superintending Engineer**

For Electricity Complaints Toll Free No. 1800 180 6507

Government of Tamil Nadu
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
DISTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY - THOOTHUKUDI
Blue Flag Beach Certification Programme 2025-26
Roc. No.1/1014155/2026, Date: 29.01.2026
(Tender Notice)

1. For details, visit www.tntenders.gov.in
2. e-Bids are invited in Packages by the Joint Director/Project Director(FAC), DRDA, Thoothukudi District for Construction work of the Implementation of Blue Flag Beach Programme in Kulasekarapattinam Beach works at Kulasekarapattinam Panchayat in Udangudi block for Blue Flag Beach Certification Programme 2025-26.
3. The bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from www.tntenders.gov.in from **02.02.2026 to 09.02.2026**
4. Common date and time for downloading of Bid Document, submission and opening
   i. Last Date and Time for downloading and online submission of Bid Documents : **09.02.2026** upto 3.00 p.m
   ii. Date and Time for online Opening of Bid Documents : **09.02.2026** - 4.00 p.m onwards

DIPR.610/Tender/2026 — **Joint Director/Project Director(FAC), District Rural Development Agency, Thoothukudi**

Government of Tamil Nadu
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
Mayiladuthurai District

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, e-tenders are invited by the District Collector, Mayiladuthurai from the reputed Companies for Purchasing of Steel for KKI Housing Schemes at Mayiladuthurai District **8mm Steel rod for 350.00 Metric Tonnes and 10mm Steel rod for 770.00 Metric Tonnes by two cover system.**

1. Tender Ref. No. 332/2026/ B3.
2. For details, visit www.tntenders.gov.in.
3. e-Bids are invited by the District Collector, Mayiladuthurai for Purchasing of Steel rod for KKI Housing Schemes of Mayiladuthurai District under Two cover system.
4. The bid document can be downloaded at free of cost from www.tntenders.gov.in from 30.01.2026 to 06.02.2026 - 3.00 P.M.
5. Last date and time
   I. 06.02.2026
   II. Last date and time for Online Submission of Bid documents : 06.02.2026 - 3.00 P.M
   III. Date and time of online opening of Bid documents : 06.02.2026 - 4.00 P.M onwards

DIPR.625/Tender/2026 — **District Collector, Mayiladuthurai**

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

PROFORMA 10-01
INDIAN RAILWAYS
PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of the South Western Railway, that the 25000 Volts, 50 Hz., AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date, the overhead traction line shall be treated as **LIVE** at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Section	Date of Energization
Electrification of 25 KV. 50 Hz, AC, Single Phace-Overhead Equipment for Road No. 4 (Goods Line) in Hosur (HSRA) Station under Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway.	15-02-2026

No. E/GSU/SBC/E-Gazette
Date :14-01-2026 — **Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer**
Place : Bengaluru PUB/846/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26 — **Gati Shakti Unit, Bengaluru**

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Form No. URC 2
Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Act

[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorized to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after 15 days hereof but before the expiry of 30 days hereinafter to the Registrar at Bangalore that **Iwin Electronics Private Limited**, a company may be registered under part I of the Chapter XXI of the Companies Act, 2013as a company limited by shares.
2. The principal object of the company are as follows:
   To carry on the business of buying, selling, reselling, Importing, exporting, transporting, storing, developing, promoting, marketing or supplying, trading, servicing and dealing in any manner whatsoever in all types of laptops, desktops and its accessories including refurbished laptops on retail as well as on wholesale basis in India or elsewhere.
3. A copy of draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at **NO.203, Second floor, Shah sultan complex, Cunningham Road,Bangalore-560052.**
4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of corporate Affairs (IICA) within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Name of the Applicants
1.Ashwini Rai
2.Archana Rai
Date: January 25th, 2026

Government of Tamilnadu
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
Notice Inviting Tenders

Rate Contract for Supply and Delivery of HSD Steel Bars of dia.8mm and 10mm required for all the Blocks in Nagapattinam District for the year 2026-27
R.C.No: 1481/2024/C3

1. For full details, visit www.tntenders.gov.in
2. e-Bids are invited by the Project Director, DRDA, Nagapattinam, Tamilnadu State under two cover systems, for supply of Steel rods for the year 2026-2027.
3. The bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from www.tntenders.gov.in from 31.01.2026 to 09.02.2026.
4. Common Date and time for downloading of Bid document, submission and opening:
   (i) Last Date and Time for downloading and Online Submission of Bid Documents : 09.02.2026 upto 3.00 PM
   (ii) Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents : 09.02.2026, 4.00 PM onwards

DIPR.597/Tender/2026 — **Project Director, District Rural Development Agency, Nagapattinam**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEPARTMENT OF SPACE CMG, SDSC - SHAR SRIHARIKOTA - 524124

Brief E- TENDER NOTICE: CORRIGENDUM-A [SALE EXTENSION]
No: SHAR: CMG CIVIL: MAINT: E-Public Tender-12(A)/25-26 Dt: 29.01.2026

Kindly refer to E-Public Tender-12/25-26 dated 06.01.2026. **"Misc. civil works at Aryabhata GH Canteen, SDSC SHAR"** (T/C-25-052, Est. cost ₹ 6.83 Lakhs); **"Resurfacing of road at SMPC Unit-01, SDSC SHAR"** (T/C-25-053, Est. cost ₹ 8.29 Lakhs); **"Structural repair works & structural rehabilitation works, SLP area"** (T/C-25-054, Est .cost ₹ 66.97 Lakhs);

Sale period extended up to 13.02.2026

Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/SDSC SHAR

COIMBATORE CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Tender Notice No.(e)19/2026 Date 29.01.2026
15th CFC -SWM Fund 2025-26 (Two Cover System)

1. Bids are invited for – Purchase of **e-LCV under 15th CFC Fund Solid Waste Management 2025-26**
2. Total Estimate Amount **Rs.2574 Lakhs.**
3. Tender documents are available for free download on **www.tntenders.gov.in** All tender details can be found on the websites
4. Any additional/further details and conditions related to these works can be had from the office of the Commissioner, Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation.
5. **Important dates**

1.	Date and time of Pre-bid meeting	**06.02.2026** at **11.00 A.M.**
2.	Last Date and time for downloading bid documents	**16.02.2026** at **3.00 P.M.**
3.	Last Date and time for submission of bid document, including online submission	**16.02.2026** at **3.00 P.M.**
4.	Date and time of opening of the Technical Bid	**17.02.2026** at **4.00 P.M.**

6. In the event of the specified date for submission of bids is declared as a holiday, bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time. **The Commissioner, Coimbatore Corporation, Big Bazaar Street, Townhall, Coimbatore – 641 001.Phone 0422 2396026. Email: commr. coimbatore @tn.gov.in**

DIPR/618/TENDER/2026 — **COMMISSIONER, COIMBATORE CORPORATION**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BERHAMPUR

(At/Po- Ambapua, Near Income Tax office, Berhampur-760011, Ganjam, Odisha), E-Mail:- serwbpr2004@yahoo.com, Tel No.:- 0680-2404287)

No. e-tender//425// RWC// BAM // Dated.29.01.2026
2nd Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. Online Tender / 53-2025-26/BPR 25001/11/2526 : 1) The partial modification of Buildings works vide above identification has been made as follows.

1.	Date of availability of tender	::	**25.02.2026 to 11.03.2026 upto 5.30 PM** instead of 30.01.2026 to 13.02.2026 upto 5.30 PM
2.	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	::	**09.03.2026 at 5.30 PM** instead of 11.02.2026 at 5.30 PM
3.	Date of opening of Technical Bid.	::	**12.03.2026 at 11.00 AM** instead of 16.02.2026 at 11.00 AM
4.	Date of opening of Financial Bid	::	**Will be intimated later on.**

All other contents will remain unchanged.

OIPR- 25001/25071/1/25-26/0011 — **Sd/- Chief Engineer, R.W. Circle, Berhampur**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA PUBLIC WORKS, DEPT.

No. EE/PWD/BGM/TA/AE-5/TND/NOTI/2025-26/6889, Date: 30.01.2026

CORRIGENDUM-02(KPPP)

Ref.: EE/PWD/BGM/AE-5/TND/NOTI/2025-26/5553, Date: 06.12.2025, EE/PWD/BGM/AE-5/TND/NOTI/2025-26/6125, Date: 30.12.2025.

As Per Paper Publication on 30.12.2025 by this office vide above reference letter to be read as follows.

The last date for receipt of tender is on 02-02-2026 up to 4.30 PM, The date for opening of Technical Bid is on 03-02-2026 after 4.45 PM. For more information contact the office of the undersigned or visit www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in after 30.01.2026.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Belagavi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1728/KSMCA/2025-26

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Corporate Office: " CHOLA CREST " C 54 & 55, Super B – 4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600032
Branch :2nd Floor, Site No.1A/1B, Above Karnataka Bank, T C Palya Main Road, Ananpura, K R Puram, Bangalore (KA) - 560036

POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (1)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited, having its registered office at "CHOLA CREST". C 54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032 and Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45& 45/1), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore - 560027. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 07-03-2025 (Loan Account No. HE01RAK00000051060)** calling upon the Borrowers 1.**Gangadhar Lohith** (Applicant), **2.Madaguddanahalli Kumara Priyanka** (Co-Applicant), **3.Shree Bhairava Maruthi Enterprises** (Co-Applicant), All are at: No.172, 6th Block, 9th Cross Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560072. **4.Nagathihalli Chikkagaviyappa Gangadhar** (Co-Applicant),Nagathi Halli Huliyurudurga Hobli Kunigal Tumkur Tumkur, Karnataka – 572123. **5.Gangadhara Roopa** (Co-Applicant):No.172 9th Cross 6th Block Near B D A Complex Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage Bangalore, Karnataka - 560072 to repay the amountd in the notice being **Rs.56,49,315.00 (Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Fifteen Only)** as on 07-03-2025 with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers Having Failed To Repay The Amount, Notice Is Hereby Given To The Borrowers In Particular And The Public In General That The Undersigned As Per The Court Commissioner appointed by the **Hon'ble 6th Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate at Bengaluru in CRL.MIS.5725/25, Order Date 13/10/2025** has taken Possession Of The Property Described Herein Below In Exercise Of The Powers Conferred On Him Under Section 13[4], 13[12] Of The Said Act Read With Rule 8 And 9 Of The Said Rules Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 On This **29TH JANUARY 2026.**

Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale. The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of **M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited**, for an amount of being **Rs.56,49,315/-(Rupees Fifty Six Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Fifteen Only)** as on 07-03-2025 and interest and charges thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.172, Municipal Khatha No.172/387/172, Situated at Nagarbhavi VI Block, Bangalore City presently within the limits of BBMP, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 20 feet, in all measuring 600 Square feet Or (66.66 Square meters), along with building constructed thereon and bounded on :East by : Road, West by : Site No.201, North by : Site No.171, South

Date : 31.01.2026 — Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore — M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

Government of India Department of Space ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC)

Mahendragiri P.O., Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu– 627 133, India

E-TENDER NOTICE **Dated : 29-01-2026**

On Behalf of the President of India, item-rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of Works [Electrical Work - Sl.no: 01: Civil Work - Sl.no: 02]	Estimated Cost ₹ (in Lakhs)	Period of completion	EMD(₹)
1	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-162/MW/ELE-12/2025-26			
	Electrical works for building for Bonded Stores, Calibration Lab, Instrumentation and Data Analysis Lab for NGLV Project at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	59.06	10 (Ten months)	1,18,200
2	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-160/MI/CPH-65/2025-26			
	Replacement of old weatherproofing roof treatment for the roof of D Block of TS Building at IPRC, Mahendragiri. (Civil Work)	8.64	03 (Three months)	17,300

Dates for Online Request : From 31-01-2026 [10:00 hours]	To: 09-02-2026 [2330 hours] [for s.no: 2 only]
	To: 13-02-2026 [2330 hours] [for s.no: 1 only]
Due Time & Date of Submission :	12-02-2026 [1000 hours] [for s.no: 2 only]
	19-02-2026 [1400 hours] [for s.no: 1 only]

For eligibility criteria and other details, interested tenderers may please refer to the detailed bilingual (Hindi-English) Notice Inviting Tenders (NIT) on the website https://www.isro.gov.in/Tenders.html and tender free view at https://www.tenderwizard.com/isro

Note : All future correspondence (Corrigenda) for the above work(s) shall be published only on the websites mentioned above.

GROUP HEAD, CMG, IPRC.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
#11/90, 3rd Floor, Opp. Trust Well Hospitals, J C Road, Bangalore – 560002.
Tel: 080 2594 3663. Fax: 080 2594 3664. Email Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE

(Under Section 13(4) read with Section 14 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002)

Ref NO.:SBI/SARB/NPA/INICIO/2024-25/42191985406

Whereas the below mentioned property was mortgaged by **Mrs. Reshma U. Setha,** borrower to State Bank of India towards repayment of credit facilities.

2. The borrower having defaulted, the Secured Creditor initiated action under the SARFAESI Act, 2002. The outstanding dues of the borrower as on **28.01.2026 is Rs. 34,62,848/-** together with accrued interest and other expenses

3. In pursuance of the order dated 21st June 2025 of the Hon'ble XI ACJM, the undersigned has today, the 29th January 2026, taken physical possession of the following property.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing present BBMP Khata Sy No. 42/42, Sy No. 260/4, converted Sy. No. 260/4, old no. 260 situated at Kalkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring 9 1/4 Guntas, bounded on **East by:** A.J. Sankalpa Apartments in Sy. No. 260/3 **West by:** Remaining portion in Sy. No. 260 presently 260/1 **North by:** Road and South by: Road in which **Residential Flat bearing No. 301,** in third floor, measuring about 1107 Sq. ft. Super Built up area, 372.72 Sq. ft of UDS in Schedule A of the property, containing two bed rooms, together with RCC roofing, vitrified flooring, together with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas, in the multistoried residential apartment known as **"AKSHAJ SPRING LEAF.**

4. The said property is now in the possession of Stressed Assets Recovery Branch of SBI, which is the Secured Creditor and will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

5. Any person dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever shall do at his/her own risk and responsibility.

Sd/-
Place: Bangalore — **Authorised Officer & Chief Manager**
Date: 29.01.2026 — Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru - 02.

Can Fin Homes Ltd

"SAJINI", # 69 (Old No.35)
Ground Floor, 12th Main
Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bangalore-560011
JAYANAGAR BRANCH
Mob:7625079101, Ph: 080-26630501
E-mail Id: jayanagar@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[Proviso to Rule 8(6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,Jayanagar branch Branch, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **10-03-2026** for recovery of **Rs.33,00,000/-** (Rupees Thirty three lakh only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Sri Sunil C (Borrower) and Smt. Sidgangangamma (Co Borrower) and Sri Ajay C** (Guarantors), as on 30-01-2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs. 34,55,000 /-** (Rupees Thirty four lakh fifty five thousand only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.3,45,500/-** (Rupees three lakh forty five thousand five hundred only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Site no. 89, formed out of Sy. no. 244, New Sy. no. 244/4, Site measuring East to West: 40-0 feet and North to South: 20-0 feet, in all measuring 800 Sq., ft., along with 12 Square of RCC roofed house with all civic amenities and bounded on : East by: Site No-76, North by: Site No-88A , West by: Road, South by : Site No-90.

Encumbrances : NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction : www.auctionbazaar.com

Sd/-
Date: 30.01.2026 — **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru — Can Fin Homes Ltd.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Basavanagudi Branch, P. B. No. 493, 180/1, Gandhi Bazar, Basavangudi
Bengaluru - 560 004, Tel No:080-26623305, E-mail Id : cb0403@canarabank.com

Symbolic Possession Notice [Section 13(4)]

(For movable/ Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **29.10.2025** upon the borrower **1. Sri. Dinesh G. M.,** 195, 17th D Cross, 3rd Block, 4th Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru, Bengaluru North, Karnataka - 560 079. **2. Smt. Shilpashree R. P.** , No 54, 6th Cross, Shanthi Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560 016 (Guarantor) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.48,10,049.20** (Rupees Forty Eight lakh ten thousand forty nine and twenty paisa) along with interest and costs etc within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the balance amount, due under the said demand notice, with up to date interest, Notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the entire Mortgaged property/ies described herein below, with all the constructions thereon, in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **27.01.2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs.48,10,049.20 (Rupees Forty Eight lakh ten thousand forty nine and twenty paisa)** along with further interest from 29.10.2025 and costs.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the movables/immovable Properties:

Description of the Security Assets

Sl No.	Description of the Immovable assets	Name of Title Holder
1.	Residential house constructed on Site 20 bearing VP Khatha Number 38/23/20, E- Katha Number 150241214914213967 issued by Dasanapura Grama Panchayat Carved out of Gramathana Lands in Sy. No. 38/23 situated at Dasanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet or 12.19 meteres, North to South 29+34.6/2 feet or 9.69 meters in all measuring 1270 square feet or 11812 square meteres and bounded on the East by : Road, West by : Site No. 21, North by : Private Property, South by : Site no. 19.	**Sri. Dinesh G. M.**

Date:27-01-2026 — Sd/-
Place: Bangalore — Authorised Officer

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking),Sankaramangalam,Kollam 691583
Phone : 0476-2651215 to 217, E-Mail :md@kmml.com

TENDER NOTICE

For more details please visit E-Tendering Portal, https://etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com

Sl No	Tender Id	Items
1	2026_KMML_830919_1	Fabrication & supply of Bottom Shell Segment for Chlorinator
2	2026_KMML_831829_1	Girth gear assembly for Digester and Calciner Cooler
3	2026_KMML_830944_1	Fabrication & supply of Heavy End Reboiler
4	2026_KMML_830094_1	Fabrication and Erection of Lift structurals at ARP

Chavara 31.01.2026 — Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

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SITES FOR SALES

Applications are invited through online E-Tender for sale of VNR.HSG.18, Aruppukottai Co-operative Housing Society, Aruppukottai. 54 nos. Vacant sites, 1 School site and 3 nos. Shop sites through the below mentioned website.

WEBSITE: https://tntenders.gov.in/

Secretary
9486047779 — **Administrator**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri

No.EE/PWD/Dvn/AE-1/Tender/2025-26 Dt. 28-01-2026

Invitation for Short term Tender
Tender ref no: 22/2025-26

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Madhugiri, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers, for the works. (Sira, Koratagere, Madhugiri and Pavagada Taluk) Approx. amount for the work is **Rs. 319.34 Lakhs**. Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP portal of the Govt. of Karnataka **Viz.http://KPPP.gov.in.**Tenders must be submitted through KPPP portal on or before **05-02-2026 (up to 4.00 pm),** Technical bids will be opened on **06-02-2026 after 4.15 Pm,** Financial bid will be opened on **07-02-2026 after 4.15 Pm.** Further any other information can be seen from the KPPP portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/TUM/RO-237/24-25/Oysters — PWD Division, Madhugiri

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, 1ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ನಂ.55,
ನೆಲಮಹಡಿ, ಅಭಯ ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ ಭವನ, ರಿಸಲ್ದಾರ್ ರಸ್ತೆ,
ಶೇಷಾದ್ರಿಪುರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು – 560020

No.KSDB/EE/No1.div/STT/IFT-12/Call-2/2025-26 Dated:-27.01.2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ – 2ನೇ ಕರೆ (ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ 1ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ (ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–2) KPP Portal ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ, ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ್ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

01. KSDB/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT358/CALL-2

1. **Last date & time for receipt of tenders: 04.02.2026 upto 4:00 PM.**
2. **Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid: 07.02.2026 at 11.00 AM.**

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, 1ನೇ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಕೊಳಗೇರಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಥವಾ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಸಿಪಿ/5303/ಸಿಸಿಎಲ್/2025–26 — ಕ.ಕೊ.ಅ.ಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

Form - 16
[Regulations 34(3)]

Government of India
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I KARNATAKA
BSNL Building (Fourth Floor),
Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(See Sec.25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 r/w Rule 48 to 51 of the II Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961)

R.C. No. 521 / 2023 IN O.A. No. 600 / 2021

Between :
Bank of India, Electronic City Branch
(Now with Asset Recovery Branch) — **... Certificate Holder / Applicant**
AND
Mr. Nandeesh .N.S. & Another — **... Certificate Debtors / Defendants**
1. Mr. Nandeesh .N.S. S/o. Siddaiah
No. 1719/11, 2nd Cross, Nagarbhavi Village,
Near Anjaneya Temple, Bengaluru - 560 072.
2. Mrs. Manasa .B D/o. Boregowda
No. 1719/11, 2nd Cross, Nagarbhavi Village,
Near Anjaneya Temple, Bengaluru - 560 072

Whereas the above named Certificate Debtros were ordered by Recovery Certificate to pay to the Applicant Bank (Certificate Holder) a sum of **Rs. 5701017.80 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs One Thousand Seventeen and Paise Eighty Only)** along with costs, expenses and future interest as stated in Recovery Certificate (R.C.) till the date of realization and whereas the said sum has not been paid by the CDRs.

This is to command you to attach the immovable property of the said Certificate Debtors as set forth in the Schedule hereunto annexed or which shall be pointed out to you by the said certificate and unless the said certificate debtors shall pay to you the above said sum as per R.C. and the costs of this attachment to hold the same until further orders from the Recovery Officer.

You are further commanded to return the Warrant on or before **27-11-2025** with an endorsement certifying the day on which and the manner in which it has been executed or why it has not been executed.

Schedule Property Mortgaged by Defendants

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being an Apartment No. F-406, Forth Floor, in the Residential Apartment Complex Building known as "SAMTRUPTI ENCLAVE" with a super build up area of 1439 Sq.Ft. together with 338 Sq.Ft. of Undivided Share of Right, Title and Interest Constructed on Property bearing BBMP Katha No. 2047/4/31/32/1/35/224/223/195/196, Situated at Padma Upadyaya Layout, Naadevanahalli, Bengaluru in Ward No. 130 of Ulla Sub-Division formed in the Residentially converted Land bearing Sy.No. 31, 32/1 and 35 of Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded as follows : **East by :** Road, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 197 & Site No. 222, **South by :** Site No. 194 & Site No. 225.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on **13-10-2025.**

Recovery Officer - 1
DRT-2, Bengaluru.

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

No.6309/PW/EE/BRC/DB/DR/25-26 — Puducherry, dt.30/01/2026

PRESS NOTICE FOR e-Tender

The Executive Engineer, Buildings & Roads (Central) Division, Public Works Department, Puducherry (Official email Id : eebrcpwd@py.gov.in) invites on behalf of the President of India, online percentage rate bids from the approved and eligible contractors / firms for the following work : **1. N/W :** "Reconstruction of L/U drain from Rajiv Gandhi Square to Mettupalayam junction in Vazhudavur Road, Puducherry-2nd call". **Tender No.** 130/PW/BRC/25-26, **Estimate Cost :** ₹ 12,08,08,168/- (inclusive of GST), **Earnest Money :** ₹ 22,08,082/-. Last date and time of submission of bid : **on (or) before 04.00 PM on 16.02.2026**. Date & Time of Opening of bid : **10.30 AM on 17.02.2026**. The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **www.pudutenders.gov.in**

No.771/DIP/AD(Press)/2025-26 — **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road,
Bengaluru - 560009.

Short Term Tender Notification
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: 07.02.2026 upto 4.00 PM

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Construction of class rooms for Government Polytechnic College at Hoovina Hadagali in Vijayanagara District under SDP 2022-23 Scheme. **Work Indent No:** KHB/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT 701/CALL-2 & IFT No.16/2025-26 Date: 29.01.2026. **Amont put to tender:** Rs.38,00,961/-

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/CP/5305/AKAR/2025-26 — **Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru**

Next Date : 27-04-2026

IN THE HON'BLE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, AT BANGALORE

New Premises at 4th Floor, Telephone House Building,
Rajbhavann Road, Bangalore - 560001.

O.A. No. 674 OF 2025

Between :
Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd. — **... Applicant**
And :
Mr. Suresh Gowda & Ors. — **... Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULES 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

To :
1. Mr. Suresh Gowda S/o. Late Ramaiah Kalappa,
Age about 50 yeas, 8th Main, A Block,
Malleswaram West, Bangalore - 560055.
2. Smt. Sindhu Suresh Gowda W/o. of Sri. Suresh Gowda,
Age about 40 years, Both are residing at No. 290/9,
8th Main, A Block, Malleswaram West, Bangalore - 560055.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of **Rs. 4,42,13,499.70 (Rupees Four Crores Fourty Two Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Nine and Paise Seventy Only) Due as on 26-04-2023** together with current and future interest and others reliefs.

Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days of Publication of the Summons or on **27-04-2026 at 10.30 A.M.** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned herein above, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **16th Day of Jan. 2026.**

Sd/- Registrar,
(Debt Recovery Tribunal-II, Bangalore)

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Govt of India undertaking)

Branch: HSR Layout
1083, Ground Floor, Sector 3, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102

Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To, **1. DEEPAYAN (BORROWER)** Site No.25A, 14th A cross, 26th Main, HSR Layout, Sector 1, Bengaluru. **2. PEEYUSH JAIN (CO-APPLICANT)** NO.44 FAIR FIELD LAYOUT, RACE COURSE ROAD, Bangalore, Karnataka. **3. PRAMOD KUMAR SHANTILAL JAIN (CO-APPLICANT)** NO.10, KAMAL NIVAS SRIKANTAIAH LAYOUT, CRESENT CROSS ROAD, BANGALORE, Karnataka-560001. **4. SURENDRA PRABUDAYAL BANSAL (GUARANTOR)** B0423 BEGONIA BRIGADE MEADOWS, KANAKURA ROAD, NEAR SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR ASHRAM, BANGALORE, Karnataka-560082.

LOAN NO	NATURE OF LOAN/LIMIT	LOAN AMOUNT	LIABILITY WITH INTEREST AS ON DATE	RATE OF INTEREST
2673773001109	Term Loan	Rs. 4,50,00,000.00/-	Rs. 1,39,24,106.99/-	12.45% PLUS 2 % Penal Interest

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant more documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as **NPA on 27-01-2026** Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of to **Rs.1,39,24,106.99/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Nine Lakh Twenty Four thousand One hundred and six and Paisa Ninety Nine only)** Together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs, within sixty days or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act.

Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFESI Act, in respect of time available. To redeem the secured assets.

The demand notice had also been issued to you by Registered Post to your last known address available in the Branch record. But could not be served upon you, for the reason **"Un Delivered".** You are avoiding service of demand notice on you. Therefore, the contents of the demand notice are being published in this newspaper.

SCHEDULE

The Specific Details of the assets Mortgaged/Hypothecated are enumerated here under: The Title holder of below mentioned Immovable Property is Mr Deepayan

All that piece and parcel of Civic Amenity (CA) Site No. 25, Sector-1, Hosur Sarjapur Layout, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore presently bearing BBMP Khata No.2343/CA-25, New PID No.174-W0484-3, within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ward HSR Layout, Bangalore measuring East to West: 45.10 meters, North to South: 56.50 meters, in all measuring 2548.15 sq mtrs and **Bounded on: East by :** Remaining part of CA Site No. 25, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Road.

CERSAI: 400026976099

DATE: 28.01.2026 — **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
PLACE: HSR Layout — **Canara Bank, HSR Layout**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are here by informed that my clients Mr.J.Maregowda C/o. Junjappa No.53 HM residency 5th Cross, Bendre Nagarm Kadirenahalli Main Road, Bangalore - 560070.

My client is the absolute owner is in the possession of the All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.34, converted Sy.No.15/5, measuring East to West 30Feet and North to South 50 Feet, in all measuring 1500Sq.Ft., situated at Pillaganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP and bounded on:

East by : 22 Feet Wide Road left in the same Sy.No.15/5 only for the usage of owners of Property No.34 and Property No.31, **West by :** Property No.33, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Property No.31.

The said property is in the possession of Mr.J.Maregowda since from 11.11.2019 and he is the absolute owners and free from all encumbrance whatsoever.

My Clients is mortgaging the aforesaid property; if anyone having any claim or interest over the said property; he/she is requested to forward their claims along with the relevant documents to us within 7days of this public notice. If we do not receive any claim from any person within 7 days, it will be strictly presumed that this property is absolutely free from any claim or encumbrance and no one has any claim over this property and kindly contact below mentioned

RBK legal - ADVOCATE
FFD VI, 4th Floor, Sampoorna Chambers,
Vasavi Temple Road, V.V. Puram
Bengaluru-560004.
080-42053588/080-42296969

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given to the general public at large that my client is negotiating and intending to purchase the notice schedule property from its owner "Sri. K.SELVAKUMAR S/o. Sri. Kothandapani (Late) aged about 56 years, residing at No.107, 5th A Cross, HRBR Layout, 3rd Block, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560943.Any individuals, banks, financial institutions, governmental agencies, statutory bodies, etc having any objections for my client entering into any transaction including purchase of the notice schedule property is hereby required to communicate their objections in writing to my office with documentary evidence within 05 days from the date of this publication. In the absence of any authenticated objections/claims, my client will proceed to complete the transaction of sale and no claim in this regard will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Farm Residential property Salem East Registration District, Yercaud Sub-Registration District, Yercaud Taluk, Nagalur Village, S No.9/3 Dry Hec.36.53.0 (Ac.90.23) Asst.91.32 Patta No.45 in this a portion of land Ac.16.20, S No.9/5 Dry Hec.1.71.0 (Acre 4.22) Asst Rs.8.45 Patta No.45 in this land a portion of land Acre 3.67 S.No.9/9 Dry Hec.0.27.0 (Acre 0.67) Asst. Rs.1.34 Patta No.45 in this land a portion of land Acre.0.13, the above land and adjacent lands are clubbed together and divided into house plots named MISTY VALLEY in which Farm land, Farm Land No.106 A whose boundaries and measurements are as follows:- EAST BY: Farm Land No. 114, WEST BY: 23 wide North-South Road, NORTH BY: Farm land No.106 and, SOUTH BY: Farm Land No.108. Measuring East to West on the North 65 Ft., East west on the south 65 Ft., North south on the East 50 ft., on the West 50 Ft., in all measuring 3250 Sq Ft., of land and the newly constructed RCC Terraced Building to an extent of 87 Sq Mtr, in the Ground Floor only, over the land with all its Doors, windows, fixtures and fitting along with electrical connection and fitting and common well with the common overhead tank for distribution water to the layout buildings, and the rights to use all roads land in the above survey number and all other roads leading upto the main road and to get water from the overhead tank constructed in the layout and all easement rights. The above Sale Property was in S No. 9/3 as per recent subdivision Patta No.191, S No. 9/3A1A1A, Hec. 15.52.00 Asst 38.30.

Date: 31.01.2026 — **Place: Bengaluru**

Sd/- AMOGH MASUR B.COM., LLB.,
No.766, 2nd Floor, SGR Arcade,
BEML Layout 5th Stage,
Rajarajeshwarinagar,
Bangalore-560098
Office No +91 73495 15775

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
HYDERABAD (DRT-II)
1ST FLOOR, TRIVENI COMPLEX
ABIDS, HYDERABAD-500001
O.A. No. 875 OF 2025
ICICI BANK LIMITED
VS
MR. SHOUNAK DAS MAHAPATRA
SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
Mr. Shounak Das Mahapatra,
S/o.Somashankar Das Mahapatra,
Age: Major, Occ: Business,
No. 902, Aparna Hill Park Lake Breeze, PJR Enclave Road,
Chandanagar, Hyderabad- 500050,
Telangana State.
Also at: Mr. Shounak Das Mahapatra, S/o.Somashankar Das Mahapatra, Age: Major, Occ: Business, 2nd Floor, 8 Embasy Star Palace Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluri- 560052, Karnataka.
Also at: Mr. Shounak Das Mahapatra, S/o.Somashankar Das Mahapatra, Age: Major, Occ: Business, North Ramakrishna Pally, INDA, Kharagpurm Paschim, Medinipur, Midnapore-721305. ...DEFENDANTS

Please take the summons in the above O.A.No. 875 of 2025 filed by the Applicant for Recovery of money Rs.26,06,608/- against you. The Hon'ble Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of paper publication in "Telugu and English Newspaper", circulated in the place of Address of the Defendants and posted the matter to 10.03.2026.

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under;

i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.

vi) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of assets over which security interest in created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets of other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are hereby required to show cause on 10.03.2026 at 10:30 A.M at Debts Recovery Tribunal–II, 1st floor, Triveni complex, Abids, Hyderabad – 500001, in person or by an Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this day 28TH day of Jan, 2026.

(By order of the Court)
Asst Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
Hyderabad.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that my client, **MR. B.M DEVARAJ S/o. Sri.Mudalagiri Gowda,** informed me that, the Possession Certificate Vide PCR No.38/2002-03, Sl No.047151, dated 01.06.2002 with respect of the below mentioned Schedule Property is lost and not traceable. In this regard my client had also lodged a complaint before the Police vide Lost Report No.2035558/2026 dated 30.01.2026.

If any persons known/found/possessing or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to hand it over the same to the undersigned at his office below mentioned address within **7 days** from the date hereof, failing which without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

PRAVEEN M.R, Advocate
No.188, 3rd Floor, 2nd Cross Road,
5th Phase, Sachidanandha Nagara Layout,
R.R Nagara, Bangalore-560098.
M. 9449104230

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER
NIT No.: BPL-ELP-PSI-T-2026-01 dtd 24.01.2026

The Dy.CEE/Project/BPL, West Central Railway, Bhopal for and on behalf of President of India invites applications on prescribed tender form for the following works **NIT No.** : No.: BPL-ELP-PSI-T-2026-01 dtd: 24.01.2026, **Name of work with location :** Design, Supply, Erection, Testing Commissioning 132KV/2X25KV & of Traction Substation along with SP/SSPs (2X 25 KV System Scott connected Transformer) in ET-KNW section of BPL Division of West Central Railway, **Cost of tender (In Rs.) :** 1411767767.85, **Address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased :** Dy.CEE/Project /BPL, **Bid Security (In Rs.) :** 7208800.00, **Completion period (In Months) :** 18 Months, **Date & Time for submission of tender (Up to 11.00 hrs. on) :** 24/02/2026 11:00 hrs, **Opening of Technical Bids at venue :** 24/02/2026 11:30 hrs Complete details of tender notice available on the Railway website "https://ireps.gov.in". Complete tender form can be down loaded from above website.

(Sd.)
Dy. CEE (Project)
West Central Railway, Bhopal

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान
एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated with **1) Mr. Zarir Bativala** S/o Mr. Parvez S. Bativala, **2)Mr. Parvez S Bativala** S/o Mr.Shivax Bativala, **3) Mrs. Freny P Bativala** W/O Mr. Parvez S.Bativala **Mr. Zarir Bativala** S/o Mr. Parvez S.Bativala, Residing at Villa no 13, Sobha Emerald Jakkur, Bangalore-560 064 to purchase the Schedule B Property for valuable consideration. It is represented to our client that **1) Mr. Zarir Bativala, 2) Mr. Parvez S Bativala and 3) Mrs. Freny P Bativala** are the absolute owner of the Schedule B Property. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the Schedule B Property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to **1) Mr. Zarir Bativala 2) Mr. Parvez S Bativala and 3) Mrs. Freny P Bativala** right, title and interest in the Schedule B Property and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing BBMP Khatha No.7, PID No.78-51-7, Old Municipal No.7, carved out of property bearing old #2, later on 1 and again re-numbered as 1/2 or 1 and 2A, measuring East to West 99 Feet and North to South 50 feet, totally measuring 4950 sq. feet., situated at BBMP Old Ward No.78, New Ward No.93, Cunningham Crescent Road, Bangalore-560 052, and bound on: East by: Cunningham Crescent Road, West by: Apartment building called 'La Citadel', North by : Apartment building called 'La Citadel', and South by: House property belonging to Mrs. Sufiya Begum and House property.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential **Three Bedroom** Apartment bearing Flat No.**7/3 TF**, Property No. **7/3 TF**, BBMP E PID No. **3109742277**, BBMP Old Khatha No. 78-51-7/3, measuring **343.7** Sq. Mtrs (**3700** Sq. Feet) of super built-up area, consisting of **Three Bedroom** in the **Third** Floor of the residential Apartment Building known as **"ENDELLION"**, constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property, together with Undivided Share (UDS) measuring **990 Sq. feet** in Schedule 'A' Property, with **TWO** covered **car parking** area in the Basement floor, along with proportionate undivided share in the Water, electricity, sewerage amenities and all common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift/s, staircase/s and other areas of common use, the walls are built out of Brick and Cement with **Marble and wooden** Flooring with wooden Doors and **Finesta windows** and RCC roofing, It has Electricity Connection.

M/s. B.M. Associates
Advocates & Consultants,
No. 7/1, G.J. Complex, 100 Feet Road,
Indirangar 1st Stage, Bangalore-560 038.

IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE XLII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-43)

O.S. No.4813/2025

BETWEEN: Sri. M. SATYANARAYAN SINGH, S/o Maniram Singh, aged about 70 years, R/at #7, Vittala Nilaya, Siddareddy Road, Gururaja Layout, Doddanekundi, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560 037 ...**PLAINTIFF**

AND: 1. LINDO XAVIER, S/o Late A.V. Xavier, aged about 44 years, R/at No.58, Lindo's Bhavan, Anandnagar, Marathahalli Post, Bengaluru- 560 037. **1(a). MRS. JIRY LINDO,** aged about 37 years, W/o. Late Lindo Xavier, Residing at: No.58, Lindo's Bhavan, Anandnagar, Marathahalli Post, Bengaluru-560037. **1(b) AMELIA ROSSLIN LINDO,** aged about 13 years (Minor), D/o. Late. Lindo Xavier and Mrs. Jiry Lindo, Residing at No.58, Lindo's bhavan, Anandnagar, Marathahalli Post, Bengaluru- 560037.

Represented by her Natural Guardian. JIRY LINDO - MOTHER, aged about 37 years, W/o. Late Lindo Xavier, R/at. No.58, Lindo's Bhavan, Anandnagar, Marathahalli Post, Bengaluru-560037. **2. M/s S.V. CONSTRUCTIONS,** A Proprietorship Firm by C.H. UDAY KUMAR, Represented by his LRS. 2(a) Wife SMT. PADMA, aged about 50 years, Having its Office at: #58, Venkataswamy Reddy Building, HAL Main Road, Marathahalli, Bengaluru- 560 037. **2(b) Sri. Bharghav** S/o. late C.H. Uday Kumar, Smt. Padma, aged about 28 years, Residing at: No.36, Vaasita Devasandra, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru- 560 036. Permanent address: Main Road Mypadu Injdukuru Peta, Nellore (M Corp + OG), Siri Potti Sriramulu, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh- 524313 **... Defendants**

NOTICE TO LRS OF THE DEFENDANTS-D2(a) AND D2(b)

Take notice that, the plaintiff above named M. Satyanarayan Singh, S/o Maniram Singh, aged about 70 years, R/at #7, Vittala Nilaya, Siddareddy Road, Gururaja Layout, Doddanekundi, Marathahalli, Bengaluru-560037, have filed the above suit against you named the defendantsD2(a) and D2(b) through his Advocate Sri. V. Chandrakanthan seeking for an order of Issue of directions to the defendants No.1 and 2 directing them to execute the sale Deed in favour of the plaintiff by receiving the balance of Sale Consideration amount Rs. 5,00,000/- from the plaintiff before the City Civil Court (CCH-43) at Bengaluru. The case is further posted on **28/02/2026** for objections of all defendants (Defendant No. 2(a) to 2(b)). You being the defendants are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court on or before **28/02/2026** at **11.00 PM.** through yourselves or through an Advocate or Pleader and file your objection if any filing in which the matter will be treated as exparte and will be decided in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 28/01/2026 at Bengaluru

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru

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Government of Karnataka.

(PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DEPTARTMENT)
Office of the Executive Engineer P.R.E. Division Bidar.

No: EE/PRED/BDR/TS-2/2025-26/**2146** — Date:**29.01.2026**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers, for 43 works approved under various schemes as per KW-01, 02, 03 & 04 in One & Two Cover System. Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum **Rs. 2,52,722.63** (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two and paise Sixty Three only) & Maximum **Rs. 125,45,883.14** (Rupees One Crore Twenty Five Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three and paise Fourteen only) Tender documents may be downloaded from the KPPP portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz. http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Tenders must be submitted through KPPP portal on **30.01.2026 to or before 16.00 hours up to 07.02.2026 Technical Bid will be opened on 09.02.2026 & Financial Bid will be opened on 13.02.2026 respectively.** Further any other information can be seen from the KPPP portal or can be had from the undersigned.(Work Indent No:- 20319/Call-2, 20138/Call-2, 20733/Call-2, 20737/Call-2, 21585/Call-2, 21584/Call-2, 18768/Call-2, 23752, 23753, 23754, 23755, 23756, 23757, 23759, 23761, 21597/Call-2, 21596/Call-2, 21595/Call-2, 21594/Call-2, 21593/Call-2, 21592/Call-2, 21591/Call-2, 21590/Call-2, 21589/Call-2, 21101/Call-2, 21105/Call-2, 21104/Call-2, 15097/Call-2, 15093/Call-2, 15091/Call-2, 20185/Call-2, 13208/Call-2, 23229, 23231, 23226, 23308, 23309, 23559, 23762, 23317, 23310, 23558 & 23760).

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/Bidar/317/KSMC&A/2025-26 — **P.R.E.Division Bidar.**

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 19/2025-26, — Date: 30-01-2026

(Through e-procurement Portal Only-Short term)

Item Rate tenders are invited on e-procurement basis by the Executive Engineer, Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Kushalnagara Taluk, Kodagu District on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from eligible contractors for 5 number of 4701 works coming in Kushalanagar taluk juridiction. Estimated amount of work Rs. 445.00 to Rs 495.00 lakhs.

The contractors can have access/download tender document from e-procurement portal and the last date to submit the filled tender document is **07-02-2026** till 4.00 PM. Technical bid will be opened on **09-02-2026** at 10.30 AM onwards and Financial bid will be opened after the approval of Technical Bid. All the information is available on e-procurement web-site address **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Tender processing fee as stipulated in the e-procurement portal is applicable for each work. Additional information can be obtained from the undersigned during the office hours. Any changes due to any reason will be posted only on the KPPP portal and will not bepublished in the newspapers

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FOR SAMSON, A 'GOD'S OWN CRICKETER' COMPLEX IN T'PURAM

Batter set to play his first international match at home as India look to end series with win

India batter Sanju Samson trains in the nets ahead of the fifth T20I | BP DEEPU

GOMESH S @ Thiruvananthapuram

THERE is a crazy following for Sanju Samson in this part of the country. Almost cult-like attracting an unbelievable following that seems hypnotic at times. Sometimes it spills over the state boundaries and to its neighbouring states like Tamil Nadu. But nothing compares to that of Kerala. It is a common sight to see him mobbed by crowds even during practice. It was evident from the moment he stepped out of the aircraft. When the team came out of the airport on Thursday evening, skipper Suryakumar Yadav doubled up as Samson's security officer. The opener from Kerala was cheered by a vociferous crowd that assembled there to get a glimpse of the star.

On Friday evening, even as the Sun was beating down, the balcony near the press conference room at the Greenfield International Stadium was buzzing with a posse of photographers and television channel crew. The India team just arrived and head coach Gautam Gambhir was the first to walk out of the dressing room and walked towards the pitch. The coach wanted to ensure he read it right ahead of the fifth and final T20I.

However, the cameras waited patiently for Samson to come out of the dressing room. They know the significance of Saturday's match. When he walks out to open the batting, it will be his first international appearance at his home ground. In the past, he has been part of the squad but never played a match. Samson in Kerala is similar to that of MS Dhoni or R Ashwin in Chennai or a Virat Kohli in Bengaluru or New Delhi. He is, without a doubt, the biggest batting star to come out of the scenic southern state.

Understandably, he would be the centre of attention on Saturday, irrespective of what happens on the field. "I think the stadium is going to be full. So there will be a huge support for him," Kerala Cricket Association secretary Vinod Kumar S said. "Here, everyone is a fan of Sanju. There will be an enthusiastic crowd who will be rooting for him to make a huge century." On the field, Samson is still searching for that one big knock. After three low scores, he got a start in Visakhapatnam but fell just after the powerplay. This being the last game before the T20 World Cup, he needs to get some runs, especially with Ishan Kishan in golden touch.

> **Sanju has not scored as many runs as everybody would like, but that's part of his career. Sometimes you have five innings in a row where you score so many runs and sometimes you have a little tight period** - Sitanshu Kotak, batting coach

The good thing for Samson is that there isn't a better place for him to be other than Thiruvananthapuram. For there is nothing like scoring runs and winning matches at home ground in front of fans and family who adore him for his what he has done with the willow in the middle.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

'Elite' umpire Menon set to touch 150-mark

NUMBERS GAME

MOST MATCHES AS ON FIELD UMPIRE

448

Aleem Dar leads the chart with 448 matches including 145 Tests, 231 ODIs & 72 T20Is

MOST MATCHES AS ON FIELD UMPIRE BY INDIANS

149

Menon has officiated in 149 matches as an on field umpire (Tests 35, ODIs 62 & T20Is 52)

S Venkataraghavan is second behind Menon in the list of Indian umpires with 125 matches (Tests 73 & ODIs 52)

Match Officials

Match Refs: Dean Cosker, David Gilbert, Ranjan Madugalle, Andrew Pycroft, Richie Richardson and Javagal Srinath.

Umpires: Roland Black, Chris Brown, Kumar Dharmasena, Chris Gaffaney, Adrian Holdstock, Richard Illingworth, Richard Kettleborough, Wayne Knights, Donovan Koch, Jayaraman Madanagopal, Nitin Menon, Sam Nogajski, KNA Padmanabhan, Allahuddien Paleker, Ahsan Raza, Leslie Reifer, Paul Reiffel, Langton Rusere, Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid, Gazi Sohel, Rodney Tucker, Alex Wharf, Raveendra Wimalasiri and Asif Yaqoob.

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

WHEN he walks out to officiate India's fifth T20I against New Zealand at Thiruvananthapuram on Saturday, he will join a distinguished list — umpires who have stood in 150 international matches. Just to put the figure in context there is no Indian who has served as an on field umpire in as many matches. Former India captain S Venkataraghavan is second on the list with 125 matches.

He may not be playing cricket for India, but Nitin Menon is a household name in the country. He is the only Indian representative in the ICC Elite Panel of Umpires. The 42-year former Madhya Pradesh cricketer joined the distinguished panel in 2020 and has been a regular part of it since then.

Menon started as a cricketer but could play only two List A matches before foraying into umpiring. Speaking on the big switch, he had told this daily two years ago that his father, who was also an umpire, advised him to have an alternative career as a match official.

Before the change, he had played cricket for 15 years. More importantly, he was only 23 when he took the risk. But as the saying goes — all's well that ends well. The risk paid off as Menon is now not only the leading umpire from the country but also a role model to many, especially the former cricketers who have switched to the other side of the fence.

As far as his umpiring career is concerned, Menon has been officiating in the domestic circuit since 2006. The big day eventually arrived, though after 11 years of toil, when he made his international debut as an umpire. Menon along with Anil Chaudhary served as the on field umpire in the first T20I between India and England held in Kanpur on January 26, 2017. India might have lost the game but Menon's journey has begun. He then got his first ODI when Afghanistan took on Ireland in their adopted home at Greater Noida on March 15, 2017. It still took him more than two years to officiate in his first Test. The one-off Test between Afghanistan and West Indies in Lucknow in November 2019 became his first international match in the longest format of the game. Six years and a few days later, Menon is standing tall among his compatriots and leading the chart. He has officiated in three T20 World Cups (2021, 2022 and 2024) and the upcoming edition of the marquee event jointly hosted by India and Sri Lanka will be his fourth. Menon also officiated in the 2023 ODI World Cup and was reserve umpire of the World Test Championship final last year.

Apart from international matches, Menon has officiated as an on field umpire in 112 IPL matches so far including seven consecutive finals so far. A lot was going through Menon's mind when he thought of the big switch more than two decades ago. But given his stint as an umpire, he would be more than content when he walks into the sunset with the Thiruvananthapuram T20I serving as an important event in his illustrious career.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Can India finish on a high?

In their last game before the T20 WC, hosts will want to sign off with a win. A look...

LIVE AT 7pm (JioHotstar/Star Sports)

WILL NEESHAM, FINN PLAY?

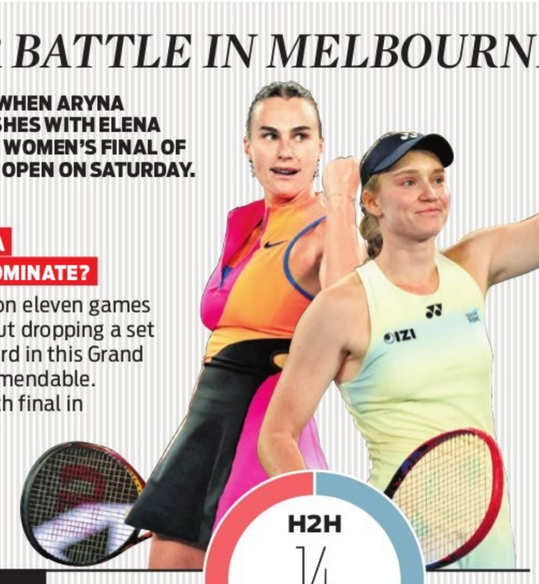
Jimmy Neesham and Finn Allen are two key players for New Zealand at the WC. However, the former seems to be under the weather a little bit. Allen opening with Tim Seifert could be the best possible combination for New Zealand. It will be interesting to see if either of them gets some game time before the T20 showpiece.

WHAT ABOUT AXAR?

Axar Patel had been out because of a finger injury, but perhaps for the first time since he spent a significant time batting in the nets. In Visakhapatnam, he bowled a bit on Friday & received throwdowns in the nets. Will he take the field? Where will he fit in this middle-order? These questions remain.

POWER BATTLE IN MELBOURNE

FIRE MEETS FIRE WHEN ARYNA SABALENKA CLASHES WITH ELENA RYBAKINA IN THE WOMEN'S FINAL OF THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN ON SATURDAY. A LOOK..



41 Rybakina has sent down 41 aces so far, most in the women's singles

CAN SABALENKA CONTINUE TO DOMINATE?

Sabalenka has won eleven games on the trot without dropping a set this year. Her record in this Grand Slam final is commendable. Entering her fourth final in Australia, she has won two of them (2023 vs Rybakina and 2024) and lost

RYBAKINA'S ICY DEMEANOUR

Rybakina's big serves will be her strength going into the final. However, her calm demeanour has helped her get the better of the opponent. Her semifinal opponent Jessica Pegula — whom Rybakina saw off in straight sets — described her as 'cool as a cucumber.'

LIVE on Sony Sports Network from 2.00pm @ Rod Laver Arena

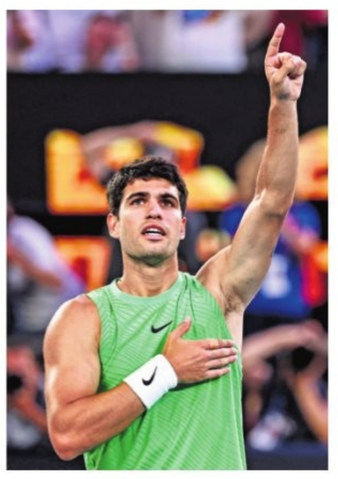
H2H

8 Sabalenka | 14 No of matches | 6 Rybakina

Djokovic stuns Sinner, sets up summit clash with Alcaraz

AGENCIES @ Melbourne

NOVAK Djokovic stunned reigning champion Jannik Sinner early Saturday to set up a blockbuster Australian Open final with Carlos Alcaraz after the Spaniard survived a five-set clash of his own with Alexander Zverev. The 38-year-old Serbian great turned back the clock to keep alive his bid for a record 25th Grand Slam crown by upsetting the Italian 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in a gruelling 4hrs 9mins on Rod Laver Arena. World number one Alcaraz needed even longer to tame Zverev, spending a titanic 5hrs 27mins on court, overcoming cramping and a fifth-set deficit to win 6-4, 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (3/7), 6-7 (4/7), 7-5. "I'm lost for words right now, to be honest," said Djokovic, who dropped to his knees and was emotional when the match ended. "It feels surreal." Djokovic had lost his last five encounters with Sinner and thanked him for "allowing me at least one win in the last couple of years". "I have tremendous respect for him, he pushed me to the limit," he added.



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz celebrates victory over Germany's Alexander Zverev | AFP

"The level of intensity, and I guess the quality of tennis, was extremely high, and I knew that was the only way for me to have a chance to win tonight." The win propelled Djokovic into a 39th Grand Slam final and made him the oldest man in the Open era to reach the title match in Melbourne, where he has won 10 times. It will be his first finals appearance since Wimbledon in 2024. Djokovic has been trying to move past Margaret Court -- who was in the stadium watching -- and clinch a landmark 25th major since his last one at the US Open in 2023. It has proved increasingly difficult with the emergence of Sinner and Alcaraz, who have shared every Slam title since then.

Against Zverev, Alcaraz only narrowly avoided crashing out after a huge fright at 4-4 in the third set when he pulled up in pain with what appeared to be cramp. He was allowed to have treatment at the changeover, leaving Zverev furious and angrily remonstrating with officials.

Medical timeouts are not permitted solely for muscle cramping and Zverev made his feelings clear, swearing at officials. Alcaraz said afterwards he thought he might have hurt his right abductor and it was the physio who decided to have a timeout. **Results:** Carlos Alcaraz bt Alexander Zverev 6-4, 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (3/7), 6-7 (4/7), 7-5; Novak Djokovic bt Jannik Sinner 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Court pulls up IOA, min over Winter Oly team

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

IN a huge setback to the Winter Olympic Games team that was selected to represent India at Milano Cortina, the Delhi High Court has ruled that omission of one player was "arbitrary and unfair". The HC made strong statement in its order on Friday while directing all stakeholders — the Indian Olympic Association, the ad-hoc committee and the sports ministry — to make all efforts to take Manjeet to the Winter Olympics starting from February 6. As reported by this newspaper, two athletes were picked for Winter Olympics and yet the matter landed up in court.

Of the two athletes whose names were sent by the IOA, Arif Mohammad Khan qualified through ranking while Stanzin Lundup was selected on the basis of his World Championships performance last year. Manjeet had contended that he was ranked above Stanzin and he should have been considered instead of Lundup.

The Delhi HC judge Jasmeet Singh's order clearly stated that Manjeet should have been considered ahead of Lundup. "...it is held that the selection process is manifestly arbitrary and unfair, and respondent Nos. 1 (IOA) and 2 (ad-hoc committee) have failed in their duty as the Supervisory body," said the order. The HC said that all efforts must be made to take Manjeet to the Olympics.

"Although this Court has taken note of the respondents' submission that the impugned selection process has culminated and that consequential arrangements have already been acted upon, however, since respondent Nos. 1 and 2 have failed in their duty towards the petitioner, respondent No. 3 is directed to try and make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the petitioner is permitted to participate in the XXV Olympic Winter Games, Milano Cortina 2026," said the order.

The court questioned the whole selection process of Lundup and said the ad-committee proceeded to apply selection criteria that are not traceable to any provision of the governing international qualification documents.

Just two athletes for Winter Olympics, but final shortlist ends up in Delhi HC

This daily first highlighted the issue on January 24

EXPRESS READ

Ex-captain Manpreet says he sought rest

NEW DELHI: Former India hockey captain Manpreet Singh on Friday said he had sought some time away from the sport to rest and spend time with family, dismissing speculation that he was dropped on disciplinary grounds. Speculation had surfaced after the Manpreet was omitted from the core group of 33 probables for the first time in 15 years.

Monank to lead USA in T20 World Cup

NEW YORK: As many as 10 of the 15 players who played in the last edition in the Americas were on Friday named in the USA squad, led by Monank Patel, for the T20 World Cup. **Squad:** Monank Patel (c), Jessy Singh (vc), Andries Gous, Shehan Jayasuriya, Milind Kumar, Shayan Jahangir, Saiteja Mukkamala, Sanjay Krishnamurthi, Harmeet Singh, Nosthush Kenjige, Shadley Van Schalkwyk, Saurabh Netravalkar, Ali Khan, Mohammad Mohsin, Shubham Ranjane.

Devika stuns Supanida, enters semifinals

BANGKOK: India's Devika Sihag pulled off a big upset at the Thailand Masters Super 300 badminton tournament, stunning home favourite and top seed Supanida Katethong in straight games to reach the women's singles semifinals here on Friday. The 20-year-old unseeded Indian kept sealed a 21-19, 21-18 victory in the quarterfinals that lasted just 40 minutes.

Asian Road C'ships: Visa issue hits Indian cyclists

ENS @ Chennai

INDIA cyclists are running against time to get their visa to participate at the Asian Road Championships in Saudi Arabia from February 5 to 13. It is believed that because of this, some of them were called to New Delhi to complete formalities at the Saudi embassy. However, it is not known if the visas would be processed on time for them to leave for Saudi Arabia, likely on Monday or Tuesday.

The Saudi Cycling Federation had sent the invitation to a 16-member squad that includes a chief coach, two coaches and a technician besides 12 riders.

When contacted, Cycling Federation of India general secretary Maninder Pal Singh said that not just their cyclists but even from other countries were facing the same problem. He also said that since the time is limited they had requested the embassy to expedite this matter. "We have even spoken to Asian Cycling Confederation president, even he is saying they are facing the same difficulty in getting their visas," said the general secretary who was here for the Track Asia Cup. Some of country's top cyclists are participating here. If sources are to be believed, the federation had applied for visa just a few days ago. However, Singh said that they applied for visa well within time. According to CFI, most of the players have completed the application process and are expected to get the visa soon.

Indonesia on top

Indonesia (4:40.088) had an incredible run at the the Track Asia Cup Chennai 2026 on Friday, finishing on top ahead of of Uzbekistan (4:48.336) and SDAT Racing (4:59.496). In the women's elite sprint semifinal, Keerthi Rangaswamy and Sarita Kumari topped their heat to move into the final. In the men's elite sprint, Yanglem Rojit Singh and Keithellaakpam Jemsh Singh were quickest with times of 11.240s and 11.167s.

Gardner, bowlers help GG win

AGENCIES @ Vadodara

SKIPPER Ashleigh Gardner's counter-attacking 46 off 28 balls rescued Gujarat Giants from a mid-innings slump to a competitive 167 for four against Mumbai Indians in their Women Premier League match here on Friday.

MI skipper Harmanpreet Kaur waged the lone battle slamming 82 off just 48 balls but Gujarat bowlers held their nerves to win the contest by 11 runs.

Brief scores: GG 167/4 in 20 ovs (A Gardner 46, G Wareham 44 n.o; A Kerr 2/26) bt MI 156/7 in 20 ovs (H Kaur 82 n.o; S Devine 2/22, G Wareham 2/26).

RANJI TROPHY

Rahul scores half-century but Harpreet hurts Karnataka

ENS/AGENCIES @ Mohali

LEFT-ARM spinner Harpreet Brar claimed four wickets against Karnataka on Day 2 of the Ranji Trophy on Friday. KL Rahul scored a fifty, as Shreyas Gopal and Vidyadhar Patil steadied Karnataka. They ended the day on 255 for 6, trailing Punjab by 54 runs.

Shikhar scores 80

JAMSHEDPUR: Shikhar Mohan of Jharkhand continued his rich vein of form, scoring 80, as contributions across the bating line-up took them to 244/6, trailing Odisha by 38 runs on Day 2. For visitors, Sayed Tufayl Ahmad scalped three wickets including the prized scalp of Mohan.

Andhra trail by 99 runs

SOVIMA: Chetan Bist scored a brilliant 189 to propel Nagaland to 366 against Andhra on Day 2. He was ably supported by Nischak D. For visitors, Kavuri Saiteja and Tripurana Vijay picked up three wickets each. In response, Andhra ended the day on 267/5, trailing Nagaland by 99 runs. CR Gnaneshwar, is batting on 87, and will be keen to convert his overnight score into a ton.

Atit cracks century

SALEM: Baroda skipper Atit Sheth cracked a ton as Baroda ended at 375 against Tamil Nadu on Day 2. In response, the hosts have started strongly with a score of 118/0 at stumps, with Vimal Khumar batting on 66. Tamil Nadu trail Baroda by 257 runs.

Rohan leads fightback

PORVORIM: Rohan Kunnummal's unbeaten 132 helped Kerala end day 2 on 237 for 2, trailing Goa by 118. Earlier, Ankit Sharma improved his five-wicket haul from Day 1 by one more wicket.

Lad gives Mumbai lead

MUMBAI: Siddhesh Lad peeled off his fifth century this season to give Mumbai a first-innings lead against Delhi on Day 2. The 33-year-old hit 102 not out as they reached 266 for five. Lad and Suved Parkar (53 n.o) put on 130 runs unbeaten for the sixth wicket

Himateja, Abhirath shine

HYDERABAD: Hosts Hyderabad were ahead by 132 runs against Chhattisgarh as they reached 415 for four in their first innings on Day 2. Abhirath Reddy (121) and Himateja K (125 not out) struck their respective tons.

SELECT SCORES: Group A: At Jamshedpur: Odisha 282 in 104.5 ovs vs Jharkhand 244/6 in 67 ovs (Shikhar Mohan 80; Sayed Tufayl Ahmad 3/73). At Salem: Baroda 375 in 141.3 ovs (Atith Sheth 109, Sukirt Pandey 84; Hemchudeshan J 6/120) vs Tamil Nadu 118/0 in 36 ovs (Vimal Khumar 66 batting). At Sovima: Nagaland 366 in 90 ovs (Chetan Bist 189; Kavuri Saiteja 3/41) vs Andhra 267/5 in 70 ovs (CR Gnaneshwar 87 batting, Abhishek Reddy 51; Vino Zhimomi 4/45); **Group B:** At Mohali: Punjab 309 in 92 ovs (Vidyadhar Patil 4/52) vs Karnataka 255/6 in 87 ovs (KL Rahul 59, Shreyas Gopal 42 batting; Harpreet Brar 4/101); At Porvorim: Goa 355 in 110.4 ovs (Ankit Sharma 6/155) vs Kerala 237/2 in 58 ovs (Rohan Kunnummal 132 batting); **Group D:** At Mumbai Delhi 221 in 76.4 ovs vs Mumbai 266/5 in 84 ovs (Siddhesh Lad 102 batting, Musheer Khan 57; Divij Mehra 2/38); At Hyderabad: Chhattisgarh 283 in 72.3 ovs vs Hyderabad 415/4 in 105 ovs (Abhirath Reddy 121, K Himateja 125 batting).

INDIA–EU FTA ANCHORS CLIMATE & TRADE IN A FRACTURING GLOBAL ORDER

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @ Chennai

AS the global economic order faces what several leaders have describ₹ed as a historic rupture, India and the European Union (EU) have concluded negotiations on a long-awaited free trade agreement (FTA) that seeks to double bilateral trade to nearly €250 billion within five years.

The deal, covering a market of almost two billion people and close to a quarter of global GDP, is being positioned not merely as a commercial pact but as a strategic hedge against geopolitical instability, tariff wars and climate-linked trade disruptions.

India–EU trade currently stands at about €124 billion ($136 billion). By eliminating tariffs on nearly 90% of traded goods, the agreement is expected to unlock savings of around €4 billion annually for businesses, while opening the door for services gains of up to $35 billion for India. The EU, already India's largest trading partner, secures long-term access to one of the world's fastest-growing consumer and industrial markets, while India gains diversification at a time of renewed volatility in US trade policy.

> The India–EU FTA emerges as a deliberate attempt to stitch trade and climate into a more stable, rules-based alternative

The agreement was repeatedly referenced during the recently concluded World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, where leaders openly questioned the durability of the post-war multilateral system. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen called the India–EU pact "the mother of all deals" and said the bloc was "on the cusp of a historic trade agreement" that reflects a permanent shift in global alignments. "Nostalgia will not bring back the old order," she warned, signalling that Europe is recalibrating its economic and strategic dependencies.

That recalibration has been accelerated by US President Donald Trump's renewed threats of tariffs and sanctions, including warnings directed at European firms over Arctic and Greenland-linked minerals. At Davos, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney described the US-led global system as enduring a "rupture," cautioning that middle powers risk marginalisation if they fail to act together. "If you are not at the table, you are on the menu," he said, urging strategic cooperation among like-minded economies.

Against this backdrop, the India–EU FTA emerges as a deliberate attempt to stitch trade and climate into a more stable, rules-based alternative. According to a note by Climate Trends, the agreement offers India partial insulation from potential US trade shocks while reinforcing the EU's effort to build resilient supply chains beyond China. India's "China Plus One" role in global manufacturing is expected to deepen, with export gains potentially reaching $50 billion by 2031 through services expansion and market diversification.

Crucially, climate considerations are not peripheral to the pact. While not all climate provisions are formally embedded in the treaty text, the FTA sits atop an expanding architecture of India–EU climate cooperation. The Clean Energy and Climate Partnership (CECP), launched in 2016, continues to guide joint efforts on renewable energy, energy efficiency and clean hydrogen. Green hydrogen, in particular, has emerged as a central pillar of cooperation, reflecting its importance in both India's and Europe's decarbonisation pathways.

The EU–India Trade and Technology Council (TTC) adds another layer, driving coordination on clean energy technologies, regulatory interoperability and green research and development. India's strong presence at European Hydrogen Week in Rotterdam last year underscored its ambition to become a key hydrogen exporter to Europe. New Delhi is targeting $10 billion in foreign direct investment for 10 GW of electrolyser manufacturing capacity by 2030—an ambition closely aligned with Europe's future import needs. "The deal signifies strategic alignment at a moment of high geopolitical uncertainty," said Aarti Khosla, founder-director of Climate Trends. "The EU has been the reigning power and India is a rising power. The coming together of these global powers, especially on climate goals, green industry and clean tech, shows which way money and markets are going."

Another sensitive intersection of climate and trade is the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), the world's first carbon tariff on imports. Currently in its transitional phase, CBAM could impose costs of $2–4 billion annually on Indian exporters once fully implemented in 2026. While India has raised concerns about competitiveness, the mechanism has also opened negotiations on how India's emerging carbon market might interface with EU standards.

Though no formal alignment exists yet, both sides have acknowledged the need to prevent trade frictions while maintaining climate ambition. Discussions are underway on monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) systems as potential areas for mutual recognition, signalling a shift from confrontation to coordination.

Financial backing is also part of the equation. The European Investment Bank (EIB) has committed €2 billion towards climate-resilient infrastructure in India through the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), reinforcing the message that Europe is willing to support its trade commitments with long-term capital and technical cooperation.

Madhura Joshi, Programme Lead–Asia at E3G, said the FTA could become the foundation for a deeper strategic partnership. "Both sides face a common challenge: building clean energy industries without concentrated dependencies. The complementarity is real, the opportunity is significant, and the timing is right," she said, adding that clean tech collaboration could strengthen global supply chains beyond just India and Europe.

At Davos, French President Emmanuel Macron warned of a "world without rules," calling the unchecked use of tariffs and coercion fundamentally unacceptable. His remarks echoed a broader European concern that trade, climate and security are now inseparable.

Taken together, the India–EU FTA arrives as both hedge and springboard cushioning India against protectionist headwinds while offering the EU a blueprint for climate-integrated trade that spans hydrogen markets, carbon pricing alignment and green investment.

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EXPRESS READ

Wildfires rage, Argentine declares emergency in Patagonia

CHOLILA (Argentina): Argentina's government has declared an emergency in Patagonia, where wildfires have ripped through vast tracts of forest since the start of the Southern Hemisphere summer. The biggest blazes are in southern Chubut province, where at least 45,000 hectares of forest -- an area roughly the size of San Francisco -- have gone up in smoke since mid-January.

Ermines disappearing from Alps, Italian researcher says

Tina and Milo, the ermine and stoat mascots of the upcoming 2026 Olympic Games in Italy, are already everywhere. And while they might be the face of the Olympics, they're disappearing in Italy's Alps, according to the country's only dedicated ermine researcher Marco Granata, a doctoral student of University of Turin. His research predicts ermine habitat in the Italian Alps will decrease by 40% by 2100.

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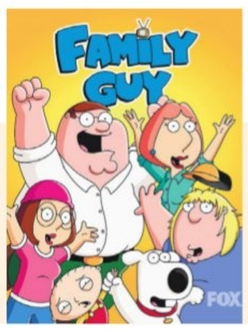

DAY'S DIARY

World premiere

Family Guy, American animated sitcom, created by Seth MacFarlane for the Fox Broadcasting Company, premiered on this day in 1999

PLOT

It centers on the dysfunctional Griffin family, Peter and Lois, their children Meg, Chris, and Stewie, and their talking dog Brian – in the fictional city of Quahog, Rhode Island

OTHER VENTURES

The creator, Seth Woodbury MacFarlane is also known for creating other television series like *American Dad*, *The Cleveland Show*, and *The Orville*

POPULARITY

As one of the longest-running prime-time animated series in US TV history, *Family Guy* stands alongside *The Simpsons* and *South Park*

The best events in B'luru curated by CE

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From family-focused financial planning to streamlined urban transport and affordable healthcare policies, young Bengalureans share their key expectations ahead of the Union Budget 2026 to be presented on Sunday

MAKING EVERY OPINION COUNT

ANJALI RAM

AS India prepares for Budget 2026, young professionals in Bengaluru are looking beyond headlines. Rising rents, long commutes and climate-related challenges highlight the need for policies that translate growth into tangible improvements in daily life. From affordable housing to efficient public transport and climate-resilient infrastructure, young citizens emphasise execution over announcements, with a focus on what truly matters!

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

ARUNA, student

I expect this budget to mitigate the adverse effects of global wars and rising tariffs by looking inward. Only then will it revive domestic consumption demand, enhance manufacturing competitiveness and strengthen private capital formation. On the lines of the Delhi-Meerut Rapid Regional Transit System, I urge the government to invest in a high-speed rail from suburban areas around Bengaluru. This will help decongest the city, improve traffic and cut living and logistics costs. It will also improve urban productivity by reducing travel time, as 'time' is urban currency. I am also keen to see how the rupee will strengthen against the dollar with enhanced exports and pooling of investments.

PHILIP GEORGE K, mechanical engineer

I hope this budget is less headline-driven and more execution-focused, especially for cities like Bengaluru that already contribute massively to the economy. Because it rarely and often superficially reflects the real needs of youngsters. I hope urban everyday problems don't get diluted between state and local governments by focusing on big-ticket national schemes. Young people's concerns, like rent inflation, commute time, mental health, job security, and quality of life, should be addressed directly. This time, the budget should reflect work-life realities such as pressures of long commutes, informal work, or gig employment. Additionally, focus should be on the urban environment – flooding, garbage, lakes, and air quality, which are chronic problems, not emergencies – yet treated like afterthoughts.

ABIJITH K, finance manager

As a finance professional and someone who has recently started a family in Bengaluru, my expectation is financial predictability and cost-of-living support for the middle class. While budgets address growth and investment, they often overlook household-level challenges faced by young families. I hope for policies that support family-oriented financial planning, not just individual earners, as the budget that recognises the transition from individual to family life would help professionals plan responsibly without excessive financial strain. Additionally, reducing time and cost inefficiencies in daily life – through faster Metro execution, better last-mile connectivity, and improved urban planning-would have a big impact.

DIVYA SUSANNA EBIN, associate professor

While budgets prioritise infrastructure development, they often overlook the practical issues encountered by young sters, finding affordable housing, efficient public transportation and sustainable living options. It is essential to allocate more funds towards rental housing, programmes for first-time homebuyers, and tax incentives for related loans. I hope the Finance Minister prioritises affordable housing and strong infrastructure. Emphasis on job creation in sustainable infrastructure and the green economy is also required. The govt should concentrate on public transportation, renewable energy, climate-resilient urban areas and skill development, which would contribute to generating widespread employment.

SATVIK BABU, private equity associate

Extending the Section 80D health insurance deduction into the new tax regime will increase coverage among young earners, who are nudged away from insurance benefits under the new regime. Working in a healthcare private equity firm, I see a structural issue on the supply side. While hospitals cannot levy GST on patients, they pay high GST on critical consumables, which squeezes margins and ultimately raises cost of care. Rationalising GST on consumables would improve affordability. While capital expenditure allocations have increased on paper, actual utilisation has lagged allocations, highlighting the need to focus on execution and timely deployment.

ANJALI RAM

Known for her close to daily life punchlines and Bollywood parodies, Amruta Bendre on turning her personal experiences into a 'Musical MOMedy'

Time for *Mom Jokes*

FOR years, comedian **Amruta Bendre** thought laughter followed her for the wrong reasons. It took a pandemic pause, a rightly-aligned Instagram algorithm, and a few stubborn joke prompts to nudge her toward comedy, which wasn't even on her radar until her mid-30s.

With her original show Phulka Dots – all set to be performed tomorrow – Bendre stands firmly in a space few comics occupy, in the comedy ecosystem that rarely waits for mothers to catch up. She will take centre stage, armed with Bollywood parodies, domestic truths and of course a wicked sense of timing! "I didn't know comedy was a profession until I was 34; it was out of the picture," she shares.

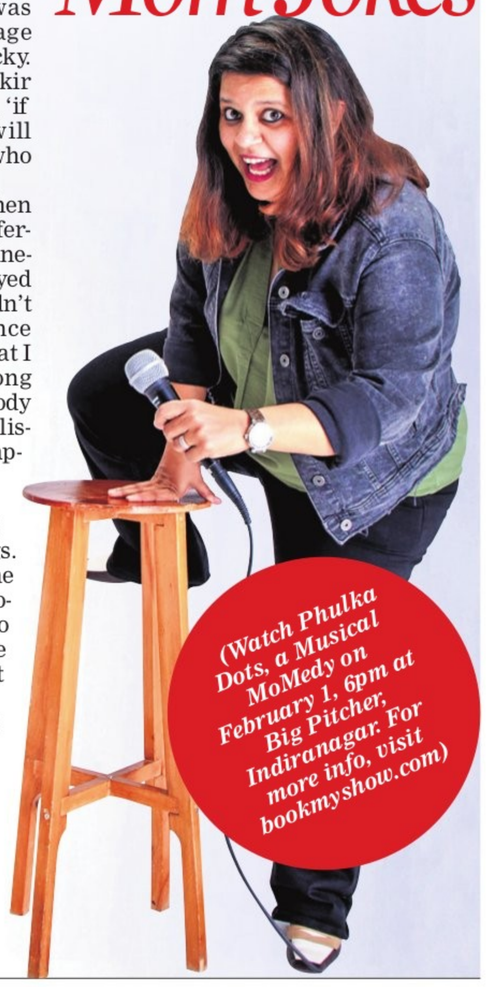
A former music, theatre, and French teacher, Bendre quit teaching during the pandemic when online classes drained her enthusiasm. Later, a standup writing tutorial she watched casually led to joke-writing prompts that her brain – 'this third-party character' as she calls it – couldn't ignore. Soon, jokes began popping up uninvited, and social media became her testing ground. "Strangers would tell me it's funny. That was a discovery," Bendre adds.

Slowly, open mics followed her, and so did clarity. As a self-confessed 'plus-size woman', she assumed people chuckled at her, not with her.

"Besides being socially funny, I realised there are no moms on stage," she shares, pointing out that while comedy has seen plenty of fathers narrating family life, mothers remain conspicuously absent. That gap became her calling and 'Phulka' Dots, named after her first joke that earned big laughs, blends standup with music – a format she initially resisted. Coming from Bengaluru's 'purist' comedy scene, she was warned that singing on stage could be dismissed as gimmicky. "People say even Vir Das or Zakir Khan are hacks. So I thought, 'if they're getting flak, what will happen to a 40-year-old aunty who sings?" she says with a laugh.

The turning point came when her audience made their preference clear. After promoting a line-up show heavily, attendees stayed back, disappointed that she hadn't sung. "I realised my audience likes me the way I am, and what I do. So I reworked my hour-long standup set, weaving in 12 parody songs. I failed once, and then I listened," she reminisces. Her approach to parody is intuitive and meticulous. Unlike quick rhymes, she aligns her lyrics closely with the original songs. "Sometimes the song gives me the words, sometimes the emotion finds the song. I like to rhyme my parody with the original song. That's what clicks," Bendre explains.

Her show isn't a quick-fix solution nor a self-help guide. "Life is a problem after problem after problem. My show won't solve anything. But it will give you a break. Especially for women, I hope to offer two hours of laughter where they feel seen, heard and unburdened," she says.



(Watch Phulka Dots, a Musical MoMedy on February 1, 6pm at Big Pitcher, Indiranagar. For more info, visit bookmyshow.com)

XPRESS FOCUS

RARUS arrives in Jayanagar: 'Offbeat' vegetarian dining redefines global cuisine

RARUS, a thoughtfully curated offbeat vegetarian restaurant, has officially launched its much-awaited outlet in Jayanagar, Bengaluru. Rooted in the belief that food is a universal language, RARUS promises to offer diners something truly rare — an offbeat culinary experience that blends love, innovation, and uncompromising quality.

The name RARUS, meaning "Rare" in Latin, reflects the restaurant's core philosophy: to deliver unique and memorable dining experiences that stand apart from the others.

RARUS is a 100% vegetarian restaurant, of which nearly 70% of the dishes on the menu are exclusive creations that are not commonly found in the city, offering guests a chance to explore unfamiliar flavours and inventive presentations. The remaining 30% of the menu pays homage to classic vegetarian favourites, ensuring a sense of comfort and familiarity that completes the dining experience. Most importantly, RARUS revises its menu once every six months, reflecting its core strength of innovation in the food science.

Cuisine-agnostic by design, RARUS draws inspiration from diverse culinary traditions from across the world, while remaining deeply committed to the local food palette. Each dish is carefully crafted to strike a balance between innovation and authenticity, making the restaurant appealing to both adventurous food lovers and traditional vegetarian diners.

At RARUS, food takes centre stage supported by humble service, thoughtfully designed ambience and curated music to soothe minds, create immersive and offbeat dining experience. Every element is intentionally woven together to ensure guests leave not just satisfied, but smiling as well.

Koshari

Spicy Neat Ball

According to Mr. Vijay Mane, Co-founder of RARUS, "We believe great food creates joy. After having set up our first outlet in Hubli, we decided to open one in Bengaluru because of overwhelming wishes of the Bengaluru travellers visiting our Hubli outlet. Not just Bengaluru, we have multiple requests from cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Pune, Kolhapur, Belgaum etc. The overwhelming response, positive feedback, and heartfelt testimonials from our customers have strengthened our belief in the brand's vision. We wish to be the most admired restaurant known for delivering offbeat experiences in the cities that we have presence.

RARUS, is the recipient of the Best Global Cuisine Restaurant Award at the Restaurant of the Year Awards 2024 held in New Delhi. RARUS is driven by a passion to deliver rare, offbeat vegetarian dining experience."

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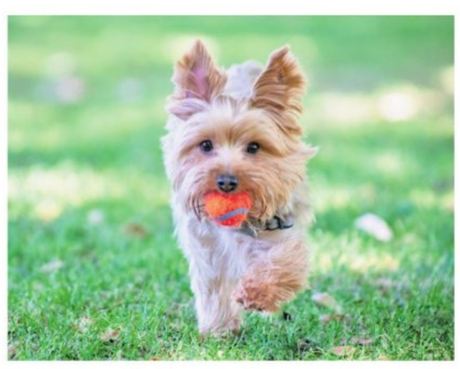

CITY READ

Pet Sundowner to be held on February 7

Bengaluru Marriott Hotel Whitefield is set to host Pet Sundowner, to celebrate the special bond one shares with their furry companions with a special menu designed exclusively for them on February 7, 2pm onwards at The Lawns. Priced at ₹600++ per person, the signature offerings include playful sips like the barky sour and pup-a-latte, comforting mains such as egg and quinoa khichdi or cottage cheese and vegetable biryani, and a sweet finish with pumpkin and coconut cheesecake. Pet parents can unwind over an elegant high tea featuring a curated selection of savouries, enhanced by optional experiences such as an interactive cocktail bar and live food counters. For more details, call 95131 38662.

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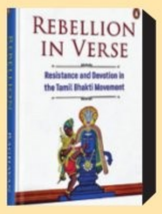


Rebellion in Verse: Resistance And Devotion In The Tamil Bhakti Movement

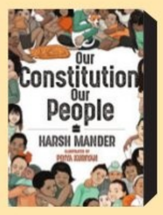
by Raghavan Srinivasan

This book illuminates the lives of saints from the margins, the fishermen Adipaththar, Periyalvar, the hunter Tirumangai Alvar, and women devotees like Andal.

Every Last Girl

by Safeena Husain

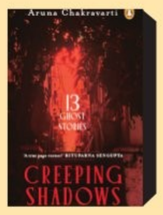
Drawing on years of first-hand experience and vivid stories from Safeena's work in India's villages, the book traces the journey – what becomes possible when a society chooses to bring its daughters into its future.



Our Constitution, Our People

by Harsh Mander

Step into the pages of Indian history to understand what this important document means for our present and our future, and what it means to be a citizen.



Creeping Shadows

by Aruna Chakravarti

The author brings together 13 tales that traverse centuries, cultures and geographies. Beyond ghostly encounters, they are deeply crafted emotional tapestries that culminate in twists that jolt, unsettle, and leave a lingering chill.

VERSE-ATILE MOMENT

Poet Priya Malik captures the Bengaluru audience with her poetry show, Ishq Hai, at Phoenix Mall of Asia, Yelahanka

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

DHURANDHAR (Hindi)

An underworld saga following a network of criminals, informants and operatives whose lives intersect, navigating covert operations, espionage and betrayals.

Cast: Ranveer Singh, Akshaye Khanna, Sara Arjun, Arjun Rampal

- **Watch on:** Netflix

VAA VAATHIYAR (Tamil)

Raised as a supposed reincarnation of the famous actor MGR, a young man finds himself at odds with his grandfather's fervent expectations as he develops his own unique identity.

Cast: Karthi, Krithi Shetty, Sathyaraj

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

BRIDGERTON (English, series)

The fourth season of Bridgerton follows Benedict Bridgerton, the second son and a bohemian, as he attempts to navigate a 'Cinderella-style' romance that connects the worlds of Regency aristocracy and domestic slavery.

Cast: Luke Thompson, Yerin Ha

- **Watch on:** Netflix

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HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN WORKOUT ROUTINE

Designing a workout routine that actually works means tailoring it to your goals, time, experience and available equipment.

BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, ASK YOURSELF

- What's your goal?
- How much time can you realistically train each week?
- Where will you train?

Instead of overwhelming yourself with dozens of moves, choose a simple full-body framework that hits all major movement groups.

- **Squat pattern:** Squats, step-ups
- **Hinge pattern:** Deadlifts, hip bridges
- **Push pattern:** Push-ups, presses
- **Pull pattern:** Pull-ups, rows
- Lunge and rotation

DECIDE SETS, REPS & LOAD

- 2-5 sets per exercise
- 5-15 reps per set depending on your goal (lower reps for strength, higher for endurance)

STRUCTURE TIME & SEQUENCING

- **Warm-up:** 5-10 min dynamic movement
- **Main workout:** the four chosen exercises (typically finished in 45 minutes)
- **Cool-down:** light stretching after training

TRAINING FREQUENCY

A full-body workout 2-3 times a week is efficient and allows adequate recovery, particularly important for beginners. Spreading workouts across the week (e.g., Mon/Wed/Fri) lets muscles recover and adapt.

TRACK YOUR PROGRESS

Keeping a training log helps you see progress over time whether you're lifting more weight, performing more reps, or completing workouts faster. This feedback loop not only informs adjustments but keeps you motivated.

Start simple, stay consistent and gradually build complexity. Focus first on compound movements, progressive strength gains, and realistic scheduling and you'll create a sustainable routine that delivers results

By Dhruva Sivakumar, fitness expert, cult— a fitness and wellness platform

QUICKFIX

RAGI PANCAKE

INGREDIENTS

- **Ragi flour:** ½ cup
- **Baking powder:** ½ tsp
- **Sugar or jaggery powder:** 1- 2 tbsp
- **Milk (or water):** ½ cup
- **Chocolate sauce:** To drizzle

METHOD

- Mix ragi flour, sugar and baking powder in a bowl. Whisk in milk to form a smooth, pourable batter.
- Heat a pan and grease lightly. Pour batter, cook until bubbles form, flip and cook through.
- Finish with a generous chocolate drizzle and serve warm.

Contributed by **Aayushi YS,** Bengaluru

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Flavours of Awadh

Savour the confluence of flavours born from the traditions of Nawabi kitchens at Shaan-e-Awadh. Sample dishes like the comforting gosht yakhni shorba, the saboot lobster slow-roasted in Awadhi masalas, mains such as murgh handi qorma, meher paneer, Koh-e-Awadh, and the fragrant spice dum biryani along with classic desserts and Awadhi-inspired cocktails. Priced at 5,000++ onwards for two.

WHERE: Spice Terrace, JW Marriott Hotel Bengaluru, Vittal Mallya Road
WHEN: Feb 2 onwards, 7pm
CALL: 88846 75454

Sound of Laughter

Get ready for a night of laughter with **Kenny Sebastian** as he blends razor sharp jokes with playful music in Tempo Tantrums.

WHERE: St.Joseph's University Auditorium, Langford Road
WHEN: January 31, 4pm and 7pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Jazz It Up

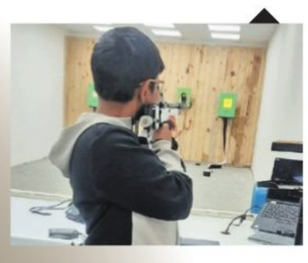
Experience an evening of genre-defying sound and improvisational energy at the Jazz India Circuit which promises to move beyond traditional jazz conventions – celebrating feel, groove, and creative freedom. Lineup includes Derek & The Cats and German artiste Benny Greb Brass Band.

WHERE: Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala
WHEN: Feb 4, 7.30pm onwards
DETAILS: jazzindiacircuit.com

Take Your Shot

Take part in a structured and professional shooting experience designed for beginners, enthusiasts, and aspiring competitive shooters. With ranges and quality shooting equipment, the experience allows participants to understand proper stance, grip, aiming techniques and shot execution guided by trained instructors who ensure safety standards are followed.

WHERE: Arjun Sports Shooting Academy, Bellandur
WHEN: Jan 31, 11.30am onwards
DETAILS: district.in



Sunday Brunch

Begin your Sunday leisurely with this brunch offering a balanced start to the day with dishes like a breakfast bowl, Thai omelette, stuffed French toast, pad kra pao, jackfruit tacos and more. Coffee anchors the table throughout with signature drinks such as the buttercream latte, orange mont blanc, and cold brew tepaché.

WHERE: Circa 11, Indiranagar
WHEN: Feb 1, 9.30am onwards
CALL: 80955 11011

A History of Music

This exhibition, Voices of Time, curated by a cohort of 14–17 year olds, traces the history of recorded sound, journeying across time, communities, and innovations – from gramophones and radio to speculative brain responsive technologies.

WHERE: Indian Music Experience Museum, JP Nagar
WHEN: Feb 1, 12.30pm and 4.30pm (guided walks)
DETAILS: indianmusicexperience.org

Calling All Filmmakers!

Young and amateur filmmakers can grab this opportunity to take their films to a discerning audience by submitting to Bengaluru International Short Film Festival, an Oscar academy qualifying festival in India for short film awards. Films should be under 30 mins in duration, produced after January 1, 2024 and subtitled in English. Kannada films can be submitted for free till February 28.

WHEN: Feb 1 to April 30 **DETAILS:** www.bisff.in

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As an artiste ages, artistry evolves with him – a truth beautifully captured in Selvakannan Rathinam's pencil sketch

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GET SUPPORT FROM FUNCTIONAL FOODS

These foods can help you maintain better reproductive health

GROWING research shows that nutrition plays a powerful role in supporting fertility across all genders. Diets rich in unsaturated fats, whole grains, legumes, fruits, vegetables and diverse protein sources have been associated with improved reproductive health, better hormone balance and higher conception rates. Rather than focusing only on supplements, a food-first approach using functional foods provides bioactive compounds that work at multiple levels of the reproductive system.

Functional foods support hormone regulation through several nutritional and biochemical mechanisms. Many micronutrients act as cofactors in the enzymes that produce sex hormones. Zinc, for instance, is essential for testosterone synthesis and helps stabilise hormone receptors, while magnesium and vitamin B6 support steroid hormone metabolism and regulate oestrogen-progesterone balance. These foods also improve hormone receptor sensitivity. Omega-3 fatty acids from fatty fish and walnuts maintain healthy cell membranes, allowing oestrogen, androgen and progesterone receptors to respond effectively in reproductive tissues. Foods like blueberries and pomegranate are beneficial for reproductive protection.

Antioxidant-rich foods protect reproductive cells from oxidative stress, that damages sperm, eggs, and endocrine tissues. Polyphenols, flavonoids, and carotenoids found in colourful fruits and vegetables reduce reactive oxygen species and have been linked to improved ovarian reserve and sperm quality.

Certain foods also help regulate enzymes involved in hormone conversion. Flaxseed lignans may reduce excessive oestrogen activity by inhibiting aromatase, while some polyphenols can lower 5-alpha reductase activity, which helps manage elevated DHT levels often seen in PCOS and some male fertility issues.

The gut microbiome plays a crucial role as well. The gut-liver axis influences oestrogen circulation and clearance, and diets rich in prebiotics and probiotics support a healthier microbiome, promoting better hormonal balance.

Eating more plant-based protein sources, such as soy, lentils, tofu and nuts, has been associated with easier conception and improved metabolic health. Dark green leafy vegetables like spinach, kale and broccoli support ovulation, folate status and antioxidant defence.

Regular fruit consumption is linked with higher conception rates. Berries support egg quality, bananas provide vitamin B6 for hormone regulation and pineapple correct magnesium deficiency. Nuts like walnuts, almonds, and cashews regulate insulin levels and support sperm health, while seeds like pumpkin and sunflower seeds provide zinc, folate and iron.

Olive oil, a rich source of monounsaturated fats, improves insulin sensitivity, and reduces inflammation, two factors strongly connected with ovulatory health. Fatty fish, such as salmon, provide omega-3 fatty acids that regulate reproductive hormones and enhance blood flow to reproductive organs.

Other traditional foods also contribute to fertility health:

- Garlic offers selenium and vitamin B6 for sperm development and immune support.
- Honey provides trace minerals and amino acids for reproductive tissues.
- Cinnamon reduce insulin levels in individuals with metabolic imbalances.
- Oysters, beans, egg yolks and nuts support sperm quality and egg development, while eggs promote hormone production.
- Whole milk in moderation provides vitamin D and calcium, and whole-wheat bread maintain steady blood glucose responses.
- Lean red meat can be included occasionally for iron and B12.
- A complete breakfast helps regulate insulin and appetite hormones throughout the day. Trans fats, fried foods and processed snacks can affect fertility. Alcohol, smoking, excessive caffeine and sugary foods can impair sperm quality.
- Refined carbohydrates cause frequent blood sugar spikes may interfere with reproductive hormone production. Replacing some animal protein with plant-based sources and choosing low-mercury fish can lower infertility risk.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHUBHA ES**, aged 39, residing at GF001, Neeladri Prince Apartment, Rangaswamappa Road, RV Niketan PO, Behind Global Village IT Park, Bengaluru South 560059, have change my minor son's name from **LAKSHYA SS to SHOURYA SS** vide affidavit dated 16/01/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary, K.V. Prema Kumari, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAJU (OLD NAME), aged about 43 years, S/o Sukhraj Jain, residing at No 21/1, 2nd Floor, Mr Lane, Mill Road, Akkipet Cross, Chickpet, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru 560053, Karnataka State, have changed my Name to **RAJU SUKHRAJ JAIN (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 17/Jan/2026, sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BHAVANA KUMARI (OLD NAME), aged about 38 years, W/o Kumar Pal Raichand Sanghvi, Residing At No 25/C, 1st Main Road, Kalappa Block, Gandhinagara, Srirampuram Post, Bengaluru 560021, Karnataka Stage, have changed my Name to **BHAVANA JAIN (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 14/Jan/2026, sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AYUSHI MOOLCHAND JAIN (OLD NAME), aged about 25 Years, W/O Jinen Jain, Residing At Jineshwar Tranquill, 3rd Floor, Old Market Road, Opp Shraddanan Bhavan, V V Puram, Bengaluru 560004, Karnataka Stage, have changed my Name to **AYUSHI JAIN (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 24/Jan/2026, sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, MEENAKSHI NAGESH, holder of Passport No. (L1329057) do hereby change my name to (Given Name: MEENAKSHI NAGESH) (Surname: THIRTHAMUTHUR SANJEEVA) for all purposes. I will henceforth be known in the name (THIRTHAMUTHUR SANJEEVA MEENAKSHI NAGESH) and I also undertake to carry out this name change in all my documents.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BARKATH. J,** aged about 42 years, Son of Jabbar, residing at No. 52, 1st Main Road, 1st 'B' Cross, Behind H.K. Kalyana Mantap, Shrishylanagar, Pattegarapalya, Bangalore 560079. I state that, my name is mentioned in SSLC Marks Card, Aadhar Card, PAN Card & Voter I.D as **BARKATH. J** & my name is mentioned in Passport as **BHARKATH.** Hereby declare that, **'BARKATH. J'** & **'BHARKATH',** names are one and the same & it refers to me only. Vide Affidavit dated 27.01.2026 Sworn before Advocate and Notary Ramesh Kumar K, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **ALLEN A RAJAN,** aged 23 years, S/o. Abby Rajan, residing at 103/1, Kodathi Gate, Doddakannalli, Sarjapura Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560035, India, do hereby declare that **ALLEN A RAJAN** and the **ALLAN A RAJAN** are the names of one and the same person and that is myself, vide affidavit dated 29.01.2026, sworn to before Arun R. Naik, Advocate & Notary Public, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, EKBAL AHMED S/o. K. Mokthar Ahmed Resident of No.37, New Pension Lane Main Road, Goripalya, Bengaluru - 560 018, have changed my name from **EKBAL AHMED MUKTAR** S/o. **Muktar Ahmed.K** to **EKBAL AHMED** S/o. **K. Mokthar Ahmed,** vide affidavit dated 29/1/2026 sworn to before V Rajashekhara Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ERUM TANVEER ERUM ARIF SAYANI,** W/o Tanveer Ahmed, aged 44 years, R/a Prestige Exotica Apartment, Carnation Block, No.1001, No.3, Cunningham, Vasanthanagar, Crescent Road, Vasanthanagar, Bengaluru-560052, the names **ERUMARIF SAYANI, ERUM TANVEER ERUM ARIF SAYANI** and **ERUMTANVEER** belongs to me only vide affidavit dt. 29/01/2026 before Notary **GANGARAJU B N,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RESHMA SUNIL** (Old Name) W/o **SUNIL VISWESWARIAH** and Holder Passport No : P3872209 Residing at No 75, 2nd C Cross, Near Anna Pureshwari Temple, Viswaneedam, Bengaluru - 560071 have changed my name to **RESHMA NARAYANAPPA** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 30/1/2026 Before Notary **A.Idinabba** Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHYLAJA K.C.,** W/o Ashok Kumar A.S, aged about 56 years,residing at No. 2955, Shanthi Priya Layout, Behind Government High School, Begur Deverachikkanahalli Road, Bengaluru - 560068, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Shylaja Ashok Kumar to Shylaja K.C,** vide affidavit dated 29.12.2025, sworn to before **PUTTARAMIAH,** Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANANDA BILLAVA,** S/o Annappa, age 66 years, R/at #15, (Old No. 10), Saraswathi Nilaya, 11th Cross Road, Raghavendra Layout, Near Ravi Gas Enterprises, Padmanabhanagar, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 070 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **ANANDA, ANANDA .M, M. ANAND, M. ANANDA BILLAVA** and **M. ANANDA POOJARI** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **ANANDA BILLAVA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 29th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Sanjay H Kalliguddi S/o Sri. Holibasappa, aged about 39 years, R/at Linganur Village and Post, Jamkhandi Taluk, Baggalkot District - 587301 Declare that name **SANJAY KALLIGUDDI** and **SANJAY H KALLIGUDDI,** all these names are one and the same person and belongs to me. Vide Affidavit Dated 27.01.2026 sworn before Advocate and Notary Onkarappa N. R. Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) A AROCKIASAGAYASELVI,** Spouse of NO.15324442H, HAV, G JOHNSON PETER, residing at House #632, Nadu Street, Pavithram (Vill & Post), Tiruvannamalai (Tehsil & Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 606806, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) AROCKIASAGAYASELVI A** Vide Affidavit Dated 28.01.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K S SHILPASHREE (KUCHALU SATYANARAYANA SHILPASHREE),** aged about 44 years, C/o. Dayananda M B, No. 405, Himanshu Residency, T F 01, 9th Main, MPM Layout, Mailathahalli, Bengaluru-560056, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHILPASHREE K S (SHILPASHREE KUCHALU SATYANARAYANA)** to **K S SHILPASHREE (KUCHALU SATYANARAYANA SHILPASHREE),** vide affidavit dated 30.01.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **Smt. Sharada M,** W/o Balaji Reddy, age 46 years, R/at No. 63, 12th Main Road, near CM National School, Muthyala Nagar, Mathikere, Bangalore-560 054 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **SARADHA .M** and **SHARADA .M** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 29th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.T. THIPPESWAMY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **J NAVEEN,** R/a 24th Main, 25th Cross, Near Govt. School, Parangipalya, H.S.R. Sector, Bengaluru-560 102 have changed my minor daughter's name from **NAISHA NAVEEN** to **NAISHA JANAKI NAVEEN** vide affidavit dt. 29/01/2026 before Notary **B.V. NAGABHUSHANA,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I , **KARTHIK SRIRAM / S KARTHIK** (OLD NAME) S/o. SRIRAM SATHYANARAYAIAH GUPTA aged About 46 years residing at NO.123, 16 TH MAIN , BANGALORE NORTH-560040. I Have Changed My Name as **KARTHIK SHREERAM,** Affidavit Dated 30/01/2026 Sworn before Notary Sakalesh Aradhya

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHENDRAPPA VENKATASWAMY** (Old Name), S/o. **Venkataswamy,** R/at No.2, 1st Main, SLV Layout, Near Central Jail, Hosa Road, Naganathapura, Bengaluru-560100 have changed my name to **CHANDRAPPA VENKATASWAMY** (New Name), vide affidavit dt:02.12.2025 before Notary **K.V. Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **ARUNMOZHI ANBALAGAN** and **KARTHIKA ARUNMOZHI** both husband and wife Residing at No. C2 141, SNN Raj Etternia, Silver County Road, Parappana Agrahara, Bengaluru- 560068 hereby state that in my minor daughter **INIYA ARUNMOZHI's** school record her Father's name is mentioned as **ARUNMOZHI A** instead of **ARUNMOZHI ANBALAGAN** and Mother's name is mentioned as **KARTHIKA R** instead of **KARTHIKA ARUNMOZHI** and her name is mentioned as **INIYA** instead of **INIYA ARUNMOZHI.** Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 27-01-2026 before Notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO.JC-313321P, SUB/HONY LT, THANGA NABENA SURESH T, residing at House NO.131, 4th B Cross, Sathya Nagar, Maruthi Seva Nagar Post, Near SMVT Railway Station, Bengaluru PIN: 560033, Have Changed My SON **(OLD NAME) T MICHAEL XAVIER** to **(NEW NAME) MICHAEL XAVIER T** And SON **(OLD NAME) T KEVIN LAWIS** to **(NEW NAME) KEVIN LEWIS T** Vide Affidavit Dated 29.01.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SURBHI GAJWANI,** aged 30 years, currently residing at #A-402, Suraj Ganga Socrates, Vajrahalli, Bangalore-560062, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SURABHI SURESH GAJWANI / GAJWANI SURBHI SURESH** To **SURBHI GAJWANI,** vide affidavit dated 30.01.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I hitherto known as **M. VENGALA RAO,** S/o MANNAM GANGAIAH, R/o #230, 1st Main 2nd cross, Guruva Reddy layout, A Narayanapura, Bangalore North Bangalore 560016, Karnataka have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **MANNAM VENGALA RAO,** vide affidavit dated 29th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. Mr. P LAKSHMAN RAO, aged about 61 years, S/o Prahalada Rao residing at #205, Ground Floor, 4th B Main Road, 1st Block, R K Nagar, Mysore - 570022, today in Bangalore, I declare that below mentioned both names **"P LAKSHMAN RAO"** and **"LAKSHMANA NAYAKA"** refer to the one and same person, vide affidavit dated 27/1/2026 sworn to before Prakasha C Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) LIAQUAT ALI KHAN, residing at No. 877/-A, 17th Cross, 1 stage, II Block, Behind Narendra Tent, HBR Layout, Banaswadi, Kalyan Nagara Post, Bengaluru-560 043, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) LIAQUAT ALI KHAN S/o ZIYAULLA KHAN to (NEW NAME) Z.LIYAQUTH ALI KHAN, S/o.ZIYAULLA KHAN,** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.01.2026 sworn before Notary Lakshmi Devi.R, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MAHESHWARI SUNAI** (Old Name) aged about 39 Years, residing at No. S/1, 2nd Floor, Sai Shiva Residency, 1st Cross, Bank Colony, Chikkalsandra, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru-560061, have changed my name to **MAHESHWARI AHUJ** (New Name), vide affidavit dated: 30/1/2026 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **KIRAN KUMAR BASIREDDY** and **KRISHNAVENI MUDUMALA** both husband and wife Residing at No. No. 265, Trupthi Residency, 1st Floor, 15th C Main, 20th Cross, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102 hereby state that in my minor daughter **MANUKARNIKA BASIREDDY**'s school record her Father's name is mentioned as **BASIREDDY KIRAN KUMAR** instead of **KIRAN KUMAR BASIREDDY** and Mother's name is mentioned as **MADUMALA KRISHNAVENI** instead of **KRISHNAVENI MUDUMALA** and her name is mentioned as **MANUKARNIKA** instead of **MANUKARNIKA BASIREDDY.** Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 28-01-2026 before Notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Dr. SWATHI TEJASVI KUMAR,** Wife of Tejasvi Kumar, Residing at No. 13, 4th Main Road, Hebbal, Bangalore - 560 024, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SWATHI K** to **SWATHI TEJASVI KUMAR** vide affidavit dated 28.01.2026 sworn to before K.V. Nanjaiah, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Ms. ANURADHA JAISWAL,** D/o Arun Mukerji, age 40 years, R/at No. 23146, Prestige Lakeside Habitat, Gunjur Village, Varthur Main Road, Bengaluru-560 087 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANURADHA JAISWAL** to **ANURADHA MUKHERJI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ANURADHA MUKHERJI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.S. CHANDRAKANTH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I. Smt. Mohini Devi, D/o Surajmal, W/o Sri. Nainmal, aged about 78 years, residing, at No. 19. 2nd Cross, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004, I declare that below mentioned both names **Smt. Mohan Devi** and **Smt. Mohini Devi,** refer to one and the same person, i.e. myself, vide affidavit dated 28/1/2026 sworn to before Anitha Bai Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Army No.14390123A, Rank: Ex-Nk(TS) **Pathy,** S/o. late. C.Nateshan, residing at #586A, Sri Anniyamma Nilayam, New Binny Layout, Near Krishna Bakery, Binnypete, Bengaluru 560023, have changed the name of my daughter from **P KAWAYA** to **MEERA PRIYADARSHINI P,** vide Affidavit Dated: 28/01/2026 sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SHEEBA AGUIRRE RAMAMURTHY, residing at No. 4, 3rd Cross, Markham Road, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru-560025, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHEEBA AGUIRRE RAMAMURTHY to (NEW NAME) SHEEBA RAMAMURTHY** vide affidavit dated 30.01.2026 sworn before Notary K.Venkateshan., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SHEEBA AGUIRRE RAMAMURTHY, residing at No. 4, 3rd Cross, Markham Road, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru-560025, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHEEBA AGUIRRE RAMAMURTHY to (NEW NAME) SHEEBA RAMAMURTHY** vide affidavit dated 30.01.2026 sworn before Notary K.Venkateshan., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JAGADEESH.D.P,** S/o **Puttaswamaiah, aged about 38 years, R/at No. 110, DOdderi, Tavarekere Hobli, Chikkanahalli Post, Bangalore, Karnataka-562130, hereby declare that my name JAGADEESH.D.P & JAGADEESH.P are one and the same names which belongs to my self only,. In future I use my name as JAGADEESH.D.P only. Vide affidavit dated: 15-12-2025, sworn before Notary Deepa.M, Bangalore.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HEERALAL GEHLOT** (New Name) previously called **HEERALAL,** S/o. Teja Ramj @ Teja Ramji Gehlot, date of birth: 11/07/1983, residing at #62/1A, CTG Hiegth, 3rd Cross, Ashwatha Nagar Bangalore North, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'HEERALAL'** to **'HEERALAL GEHLOT',** Vide Affidavit dated 7.01.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary A.M. Rajasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Ms. Swetha Chenna,** D/o. Mr. Chenna Prabhakar, Aged about 32 years, Residing at No. 64, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, Siddivinayaka Layout, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru - 560 097, Currenty R/at 151 F2, Tarnvej, Rodorve 2610, Denmark, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **Kashvi Venkat Erumalla** to **Kashvi Chenna** vide affidavit dated 20.12.2025 sworn to before C.V. Earappa, Advocate, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KARKAL MANOHAR RAO,** S/o Late K. Shanker Rao, residing at Flat No: B103, Gokul Dwellington Apartments, 86, M S Ramaiah Road, Gokul Extn, Mathikere, Bangalore-560054, do hereby declare that my names **MANOHAR KARKAL** and **MANOHAR RAO KARKAL** refer to one and the same person i.e., myself. And I shall hereafter be known as **KARKAL MANOHAR RAO,** vide affidavit dated **25.01.2026**. Sworn before the Advocate & notary **Sivakumara M.N** at Bangalore-32.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RATHNAMMA** W/o Late B Chandrashekhar, aged 63 years, R/aNo.33/1, 1st Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, T Dasarahalli, Near ST MarksHigh School, Bengaluru-560057 have changed my name to **CHANDRASHEKHAR RATHNAMMA**, vide affidavit dt. 29/01/2026before Notary **C.V. Erappa,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **USHA .A,** W/o B.C. Chandrashekar, R/at 943/A, 1st Floor, BSK 1st Stage, Srinivasnagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 050 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **USHA BAI** (old name) to **USHA .A** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **USHA .A** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.C. THAMMANNAGOWDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AJITHA KUMARI MANIYALA CHALIL W/o. Vishwanatha, residing at #124, 5th Cross, Central Jail Road, Naganathapura, Near Karnataka Ceramics Road, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru 560100, have changed my name to **AJITHA MANIYALA CHALIL** vide Affidavit Dated: 29/01/2026, sworn before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mr. ANAND NARASIMHAN, S/o S. V. Narasimhan, aged about 75 years, residing at: #114, 208 SFS, 2nd Main, Near Mother Dairy Cross Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore North, Bangalore Karnataka-560064, hereby declare that my names **ANAND NARASIMHAN, NARASIMHAN ANAND, ANAND N., N. ANAND, and Dr. N. ANAND** belongs to one and the same person, henceforth, I have decided to continue my name in future as **ANAND NARASIMHAN** vide Affidavit, dated 30/01/2026, sworn to before Advocate and Notary public Y.R. Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **K M RADHA** W/o S. V. VENUGOPAL, R/at #251,Doddasonne, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural- 562110.Do here by declare that my name changed from "M.RADHA" (Old Name) to **K M RADHA** (New Name) vide affidavit dated **23.01.2026** sworn to before me **S.P.Gandhi,** B.Com., LLB., Advocate & Notary. Govt of India. Taluk Office Road, Bengaluru-562110

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MANJUNATH .A.C,** S/o Chikkananjappa, age 51 years, R/o No. 55, Agrahara Village, Near Venugopalaswamy Temple, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560 064 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **MANJUNATH A.C.** and **MANJUNATHA A.C.** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANJUNATH A.C.** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 29-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **VANI .G.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NAGARATHNA GANDUDAIAH** W/o B. Krishnamurthy, aged 53 years, R/a No.33/1, 1st Cross, Near ST Marks High School, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, T Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057 have changed my name to **NAGARATHNA**, vide affidavit dt. 29/01/2026 before Notary **C.V.Erappa,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Anju Navin Joseph, D/o. Cherian Mathew, aged about 42 years, permanent resident of : A302, SLS Sunny Gardens, Wasa Layout, Doddanekundi, Marathahalli, Bengaluru 560037, India, I have changed my name from **ANJU NAVIN JOSEPH** to **ANJU MATHEW.** Vide affidavit dated 29.1.2026, Sworn before Advocate & Notary Indira S S, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PREETI BANERJI, D/o. late M B Banerji and W/o. Karan Chopra, residing at Flat #3B & 4B, 3rd Floor, Sydney Court, 7th Cross, Lavelle Road, Bengaluru 560001, have changed my name to **PREETI BANERJI CHOPRA** vide Affidavit dated: 30/01/2026, sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AASHIKA N SHARMA, aged 29 years, D/o K. N. Narendra Sharma, residing at #C-129, Karikere, Nellikere Post, Nonavinakere Hobli, Tiptur (Rural), Tumkur District, Karnataka 572201, have change my name from AASHIKA N to AASHIKA N SHARMA vide affidavit dated 30/01/2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary, S.N. Madhu, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DESHMAND HACKETT** Son of C.A. Hackett, aged 57 years, Residing at No. 02, 'B' Block, M.C. Sarovar, Opp. R.T.O., K.R. Puram, Bengaluru-560 049. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'DESMOND HACKETT'** to **'DESHMAND HACKETT'** Vide Affidavit dated 29.01.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Puttaramaiah, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Ms. Swetha Chenna,** D/o. Mr. Chenna Prabhakar, Aged about 32 years, Residing at No. 64, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, Siddivinayaka Layout, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru - 560 097, Currenty R/at 151 F2, Tarnvej, Rodorve 2610, Denmark, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **Kashvi Venkat Erumalla** to **Kashvi Chenna** vide affidavit dated 20.12.2025 sworn to before C.V. Earappa, Advocate, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **NEELU FARHA,** D/o. Late Abdul Rehman, Aged about 36 years, Residing at No. 73/26, 7th A Cross, Pillanna Block, Ganganagar Circle, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NEELU FARHA** to **SAHER HUSSAIN** vide affidavit dated 19.01.2026 sworn to before A. Prabhakar, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Mr. V.S. KRITHICK ESHWAR,** S/o V. Suresh Kumar, age 18 years, R/at No. T-2, Haripriya Apartments, Girls School Road, Doddamavalli, Bangalore-05 do hereby declare that in my old birth certificate dated 17-02-2009 contains incorrect/invalid details and my correct details as per my new birth certificate are Full Name: **V.S. KRITHICK ESHWAR,** Date of Birth: **29-05-2007,** Place of Birth: **Bangalore,** Father's Name: **V. SURESH KUMAR,** Mother's Name: **S. AMMU CHITRA,** vide affidavit dated 26th January 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt. Archana Ganapathy aged about 44 years, D/o Sri. Ajjincanda Vilina Ganapathy, r/a MF 1/3, BDA Flats HAL 3rd Stage, Tippasandra Bangalore 560075, have changed my name from **'Archana Ganapathy Poonacha'** to **Archana Ganapathy,** vide affidavit dated 23/1/2026 sworn to before T C Thimmaraja Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

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LIVING INSIDE A CHILD'S UNEQUAL WORLD

A SHARADHAA

VALAVAARA is not structured like a conventional coming-of-age drama. It does not build towards a defining incident or a moral realisation that neatly resolves its conflicts. Instead, Sutan Gowda's film, which he also wrote, works by accumulation. Scene after scene, it constructs the emotional condition suggested by its title, partiality, not as a flaw in a character but as an atmosphere a child grows up breathing.

The film's opening is instructive. A man is tied to a tree and beaten, rage etched across his face. The image abruptly collapses into a child waking from a dream, having wet himself in fear. This is not narrative foreshadowing but psychological orientation. In *Valavaara*, authority is introduced before comfort, and fear precedes explanation. By the time the film settles into everyday rural life, the emotional imbalance has already been internalised.

Kundeshi (Master Vedic Kaushal), the elder of two brothers, is the film's cynosure. He insists on being called by the name his mother uses, rather than his given one, a small but telling assertion of agency. He is watchful, quietly resentful, and deeply attached to his mother. His younger brother, Kosudi (Master Shayan), enjoys his father's affection that Kundeshi never receives. The film does not dramatise this through confrontations or dialogue-heavy scenes. Instead, it partially reveals itself in repetition, in who is teased, who is defended, and who is heard.

The screenplay masterfully embeds emotional hierarchies through mundanity. A game of cricket. Shirts passed down because they no longer fit. A father is asked to repair the television. A mother counting money from hidden dabbis. None of these moments advances the plot, but each reinforces the family's internal dynamics. The mother repeatedly positions herself between the father and the elder child, like a buffer zone.

The pregnant cow, Gowra, becomes a stabilising presence for Kundeshi. She somewhat compensates for the love Kundeshi doesn't get from his father. His concern about her mirrors his unspoken need for patience and fairness. Gowra becomes meaningful because the child invests meaning in her. When the cow goes missing while grazing, the film commits to a decisive shift. What follows is not an adventure or a suspense-driven search but an extended portrayal of a child's panic. The screenplay resists narrative mercy. Problems do not resolve because intentions are good, and help arrives too late or in insufficient measure.

What distinguishes this stretch is the film's refusal to correct Kundeshi's logic. His attempts, selling a hen from his own house, refusing to return home without the cow, and seeking help from the neighbour Yadukumar (Abhay S), barely older than himself, are beautifully flawed. The film is determinedly aligned with his emotional reasoning for the vicarious experience of a child's crisis.

VALAVAARA
Director: Sutan Gowda
Cast: Vedic Kaushal, Shayan, Malathesh HV, Harshitha R Gowda, and Abhay S

RATING 3.5/5

There are moments where ethical awareness surfaces quietly. A conversation about why a local lake bears a derogatory name becomes an unexpected moral pause. Kundeshi's discomfort signals the early formation of conscience, not through instruction but through observation. Even the father is not framed as a villain. His partiality wounds, but it also appears habitual and unexamined.

Performances contribute greatly to *Valavaara*'s narrative flow. Master Vedik Kaushal anchors the film with remarkable restraint, expressing Kundeshi's fear, anger, and resolve through internalised gestures rather than overt emotion. His silence often carries more weight than dialogue. Master Shayan brings an unaffected ease to Kosudi, allowing the younger brother's privilege and innocence to feel organic rather than constructed. Harshitha R Gowda lends the mother a quiet emotional intelligence, balancing warmth with fatigue, while Malathesh HV's brief presence as the father is crucial in showing how partiality can exist without overt cruelty. Abhay S, as Yadukumar, adds a contrasting texture, offering a glimpse of street-smart pragmatism that operates outside the family's moral order. These performances are complemented by atmospheric picturisation and a score that never intrudes, allowing emotion to surface naturally.

The film's closing movement avoids catharsis. The emotional release comes instead through the mother's words, which wound more deeply than physical punishment. It is here that *Valavaara* clarifies its central idea. Partiality shapes children not through cruelty alone, but through everyday imbalance. By choosing observation over explanation, and emotional alignment over dramatic resolution, *Valavaara* stays with the child's gaze, allowing sibling difference and uneven affection to speak for themselves.

Varanasi locks an April release

CE FEATURES

SS Rajamouli's upcoming action-adventure, *Varanasi*, starring Mahesh Babu in the lead, is all set to open theatrically on April 27, 2027. KL Narayana is producing the film under the Durga Arts banner, while Rajamouli's son, SS Karthikeya, is producing the film under the Showing Business banner.

Mahesh Babu will portray Rudra in *Varanasi*, which also features Priyanka Chopra as Mandakini and Prithviraj Sukumaran as the antagonist Kumbha. Rajamouli's longtime collaborator, MM Keeravani, will compose music for the film. The upcoming film is set to combine adventure and sci-fi elements and will span across multiple timelines, up to even 512 BCE, and locations. Rajamouli, who is directing *Varanasi* from the script of writers Vijayendra Prasad and SS Kanchi, previously made RRR, starring Ram Charan and Jr NTR. Mahesh Babu, meanwhile, last starred in Guntur Kaaram (2025), directed by Trivikram Srinivas. For Priyanka Chopra, who is juggling between Hollywood and Bollywood, *Varanasi* marks a proper return to Indian cinema after the 2019 film *The Sky is Pink*.

The long shadow of Childhood Fear

A SHARADHAA

IT is a rarity to witness thrillers that appeal to the intellect and do not use jump scares as a crutch. *Vikalpa* is that rare film. It starts with a haunting childhood memory. A young boy is surprised by a Yakshagana artist, which sets the tone for the psychological tension throughout the movie. Pruthvi, played by Pruthviraj Patil, returns to the city as a corporate leader. Buried trauma and hallucinations come back to haunt him. The film delves into fear and unresolved trauma that hinders a peaceful life. The premise is intriguing, but the story occasionally struggles to keep up its pace.

Pruthviraj Patil carries the film with a calm and measured performance. As the actor, director, and writer, he believes in and benefits from small gestures and silence. Samudhyata, played by Nagashree Hebbar, brings a sense of calm and stability to balance Pruthvi's growing anxiety. Meanwhile, Swaroop, Pooja, and the playful Bomma, played by Ganapathi Hegde Vaddinagadde, offer moments of lightness that don't break the tension. The bond between mother and son grows dense with the Yakshagana artist, who anchors the emotional core. Some subplots, such as the astrologer visit and minor comic relief, disrupt the story's flow.

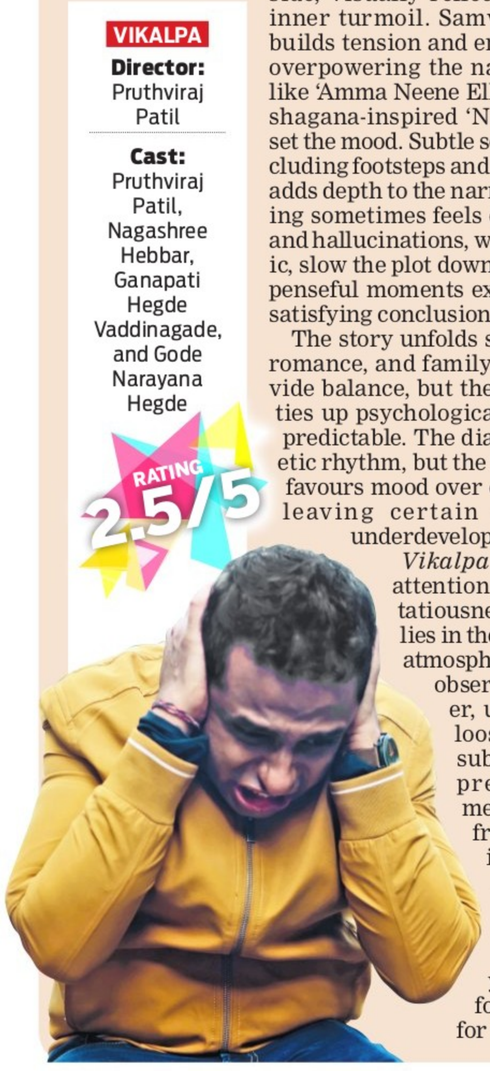
The technical elements largely support the film's psychological mood. Abhiram Gowda's cinematography contrasts the chaos of the city with the calm of the countryside, visually reflecting Pruthvi's inner turmoil. Samvatsara's score builds tension and emotion without overpowering the narrative. Songs like 'Amma Neene Ella' and the Yakshagana-inspired 'Nilagaganadolu' set the mood. Subtle sound design, including footsteps and rustling leaves, adds depth to the narration. The pacing sometimes feels off. Flashbacks and hallucinations, while atmospheric, slow the plot down, and some suspenseful moments extend without a satisfying conclusion.

VIKALPA
Director: Pruthviraj Patil
Cast: Pruthviraj Patil, Nagashree Hebbar, Ganapati Hegde Vaddinagade, and Gode Narayana Hegde

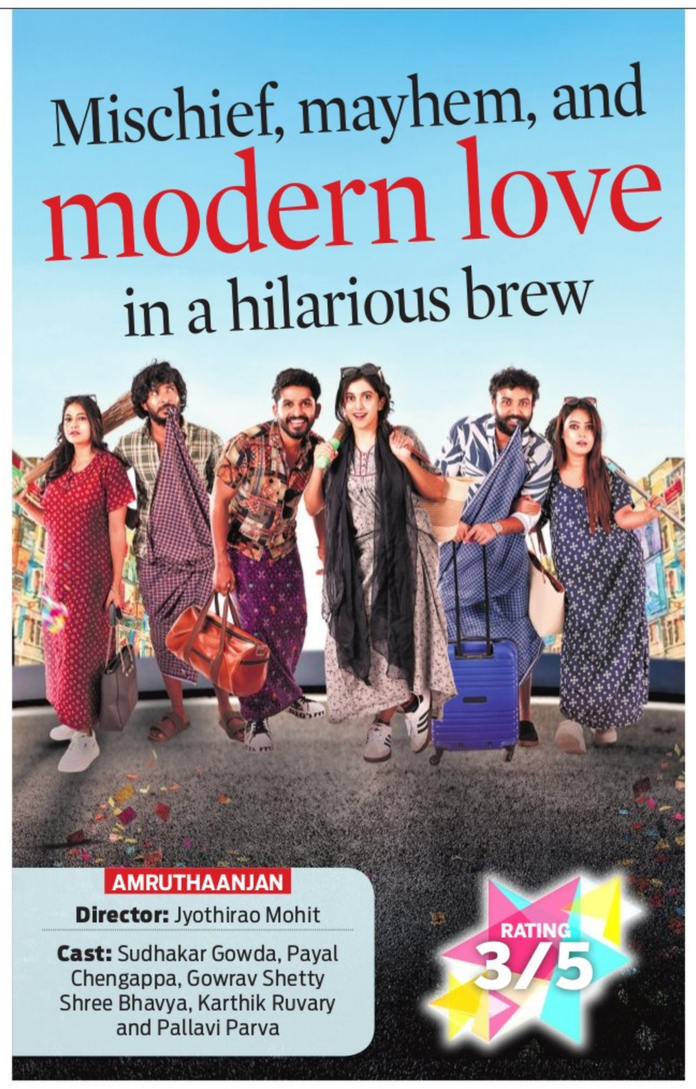
RATING 2.5/5

The story unfolds slowly. Humour, romance, and family dynamics provide balance, but the climax, which ties up psychological threads, feels predictable. The dialogue has a poetic rhythm, but the film sometimes favours mood over clear narrative, leaving certain story points underdeveloped.

Vikalpa does not grab attention through ostentatiousness. Its strength lies in the performances, atmosphere, and careful observation. However, uneven pacing, loosely connected subplots, and some predictable moments hold it back from fully achieving its potential as a tight psychological thriller. The film stays in your mind more for its mood than for its suspense.



Mischief, mayhem, and modern love in a hilarious brew



A SHARADHAA

AN inexplicable chaotic energy possesses *Amruthaanjan*. Directed by Jyothirao Mohit (JRM), the film makes its intentions clear from the first scene: it is fun and bold. It brings the lively charm of the team's viral YouTube shorts into a full theatrical experience, tackling a key question for fans: Can two-minute sketches stretch into two hours without losing their charm? The answer is a resounding yes.

JRM and his team, including Sudhakar Gowda, Payal Chengappa, Gowrav Shetty, Shree Bhavya, Karthik Ruvary, and Pallavi Parva, bring their digital fame to the big screen with confidence. The humour is easy, family-friendly, and rooted in everyday life. What once played on small screens now fills theatres with laughter, proving that timing, rather than format, is their strongest asset.

Jagan Rai Mohan (Sudhakar Gowda) is the embodiment of mischief. As a schoolboy, he cheekily tells his teacher, "If you pass, you become the boss; if you fail, you become Bill Gates." This early scene establishes his rebellious relationship with authority. As he grows, he carries his playful spirit from classrooms to college. Jagan's unpredictability drives the film, turning even an ordinary event into a rib-tickling moment.

Gowrav Shetty, often addressed as appaji, shines with some of the film's best moments, playing a man earnest at work but a boozehound. His domestic antics, hiding a scotch bottle, soaking a toothbrush in beer, or trying to stay sober while using a self-made 'alcohol meter' monitored by his wife (Shree Bhavya), turn into running gags. One memorable scene features an oath witnessed by his mother-in-law: if he quits drinking, his wife must give up her makeup routine. These moments elevate everyday marriage discussions into exaggerated and side-splitting comedy.

AMRUTHAANJAN
Director: Jyothirao Mohit
Cast: Sudhakar Gowda, Payal Chengappa, Gowrav Shetty Shree Bhavya, Karthik Ruvary and Pallavi Parva

RATING 3/5

Romance in *Amruthaanjan* isn't any less chaotic. Jagan's love life is filled with contracts and conditions. Urmi Aradhana (Payal Chengappa) is all about being possessive, insists on clarity about everything—ex-partners, gifts, misunderstandings, and even closure. One condition involves burning reminders of past relationships, including Jagan's former love, Frooti (Pallavi Parva), turning emotional baggage into laughable situations. Here, love is treated like a contract, complete with breakup clauses, honeymoon loans, and budgets for makeups, making relationships feel absurdly relatable and hilariously familiar.

Umesh (Karthik Ruvary) adds another layer to the mix, adding zing to the story. The plot remains straightforward, exploring what happens when youthful rebellion meets parental wisdom, possessiveness, and misunderstandings. The film weaves together school pranks, college antics, and domestic humour into lively situations. Amid all the humour, the film has a quiet emotional heart: family. Jagan's father (Naveen Padil), who carefully records his daily observations in a diary, and his mother, who shows her care through small, consistent gestures, anchor the film's chaos. These elements, familiar from the team's YouTube sketches, add warmth without slowing down the story.

Director Jyothirao Mohit knows his audience well. He avoids heavy morals or rigid structures and lets humour guide the way. The soundtrack, filled with social-media-style background cues, and the sharp editing, along with the atmosphere, keep the film lively and intriguing. Lack of a stronger payoff could easily be overlooked for its consistent humour.

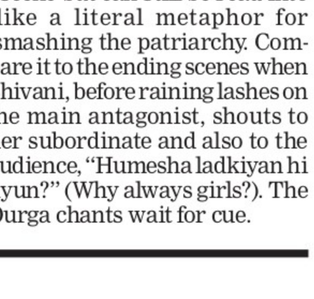
A small but significant visual motif appears throughout the film: Jagan repeatedly applies a balm for temporary relief, which is also true of the film. *Amruthaanjan*'s humour, lightly applied, is instantly effective and never meant to linger. In a crux, *Amruthaanjan*, like its YouTube shorts, provides some relief, brings a laugh, and moves on. And maybe that's the point: sometimes, relief is all you need.

Cameron Diaz to star in a rom-com

CE FEATURES

ACTORS Cameron Diaz and Stephen Merchant are all set to star together in an upcoming rom-com from Amazon MGM Studios. Merchant is directing the film from a screenplay he co-wrote with John Butler.

The film follows the career-obsessed British man (Merchant) working at a luxury New York hotel, who requires a spouse to maintain appearances. He enters a convenient arrangement with a cash-strapped stand-up comedian (Diaz) seeking health insurance. What begins as a practical agreement gradually evolves into an unforeseen romantic connection. The film is produced by Lee Eisenberg and Merchant, alongside Point Grey Pictures' Seth Rogen, Evan Goldberg, James Weaver and Josh Fagen.



This cop-thriller is strictly serviceable

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

IN every homegrown feminist crime-thriller I dread a scene, most aptly showcased in this little OTT film called *Mrs Undercover* (2023). In it, Radhika Apte plays a homemaker who moonlights as a secret agent. A gender flip on The Family Man. Her mission is to nab a charming serial killer who has been luring women with the prospect of marriage. During the climax, when she finally gets to give him a deserved thrashing, for reasons unexplainable, she breaks into a Maa Durga cosplay, full with a trident and temple bells and prayer chants in the BGM. In Hollywood, every woman centric procedural might be hat-tipping to The Silence of the Lambs (1991), here though, it seems like we have to inevitably postulate towards *Jai Santoshi Maa* (1975).

Mardaani 3, however, doesn't get into the preaching, at least not from the get go. After facing-off against misogynist maniacs in the previous installments, Rani Mukerji's bambaiya-accented, hard-nosed cop Shivani Shivaji Roy returns for a third helping. This time she has to take on something grander: human trafficking, which seems to be a new plot fad in women-driven police procedurals (The third season of Delhi Crime too had Shefali Shah struggling to dismantle a trafficking nexus).

The action ticks off when two girls, one a daughter of a foreign ambassador and the other of his driver get kidnapped. It reminded me of Akira Kurosawa's High and Low (1963) but the class bias of those in power is merely a footnote. What propels the film is a cat-n-mouse chase between Shivani and Amma (Mallika Prasad), the creepy lullaby-singing queenpin of the capital's begging mafia.

For most of its runtime, *Mardaani 3*, in line with the features of the franchise, stays a pacy procedural. I enjoyed the bits where the traditional plot points were flipped, like cops managing to trace a call even though the criminal hung up too quickly. The kidnapped girls, all of them pre-adolescent, are being injected with something which results in them being either "positive" or "negative" but we don't know for what and this central mystery keeps you hooked. Shivani's investigation progresses like a roller-coaster ride with enough thrilling turns. Expect some over-the-phone dialogue-baazi between the heroine and the villainess, evil side grins by backstabbing characters and Shivani solving the case not before she gets suspended. The first major plot-twist, when it comes, is as unprecedented as a jump scare but soon, the film starts gloating in its smartness and runs out of both steam and ideas.

Expectedly Rani Mukerji does most of the heavy lifting but her performance, although competent, offers nothing new. Her Shivani gets a Jawan-coded introduction in the first scene where she is infiltrating a drug-trafficking network in the guise of a porter.

MARDAANI 3
Director: Abhiraj Minawala
Cast: Rani Mukerji, Mallika Prasad, Janki Bodiwala and Jisshu Sengupta

RATING 2.5/5

When Rani's cover blows, the sack covering her face is torn under a knife-attack, to conveniently reveal only her signature cat-eye. The mask slips away soon to present the star. This massy-fication of Mukerji seems unnecessary in a franchise which is more interested in exploring the rot of society rather than deifying its protagonist. In another sequence, during a tense shootout, the camera wastes time in capturing Rani as she fires in slow motion. Theatrical is indeed a tricky business.

Mardaani 3 hangs somewhere between serving the nuance of an impactful story and the hoot-worthiness of a mass entertainer. It patiently builds but then loses all patience. We have an initial shot of a girl, climbing atop a tree, throwing a stone and breaking the window of an SUV which has her kidnapped friend. It's not a deep scene but can still be read into like a literal metaphor for smashing the patriarchy. Compare it to the ending scenes when Shivani, before raining lashes on the main antagonist, shouts to her subordinate and also to the audience, "Humesha ladkiyan hi kyun?" (Why always girls?). The Durga chants wait for cue.